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In Memoriam: Wes Serafin

We dedicate this issue of *Meadowlark* to Wes Serafin, a longtime consummate birder, conservationist, and friend to so many.

Wesley S. Serafin, known to his friends and family as "Wes," passed away Feb. 13, 2017, at the age of 67.

He was born in England, and attended St. Lawrence High School and the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy.

He opened his own drug store, Paige Pharmacy in Worth, Illinois, and later worked as a manager at a Walgreens pharmacy until he retired.

In an article published by "The Chicago Birder" and written by Sue Friscia, Wes said he bought a field guide to woodpeckers while fishing in the early 1980s, then took an organized field trip at Camp Sagawau where he saw a scarlet tanager, indigo bunting and rose-breasted grosbeak. That was all he needed to start a life-long love of birding.

During his birding career, Wes held a variety of volunteer positions and dedicated much of his time to conservation issues. He also created stained glass windows and lamps and enjoyed fishing and gardening as well as jogging and racquetball.

Wes was president of the Chicago Ornithological Society from 1991-1994. He participated in the Lisle-Arboretum Christmas Bird Count for many years, often heading the team that covered the Palos area forest preserves. In addition, he served as the voice for habitat preservation, especially for the Orland Grasslands, where he monitored birds as well as led hikes there for many years. He also was instrumental in helping Ospreys that returned to breed in Cook County on nesting platforms erected for them.

Here are some parting thoughts from two of Wes' dear friends and traveling companions.

Good times birding

Wes, Sue Friscia and I birded many, many places through the years, in Illinois, many other states in the U.S. and many countries throughout the world. When we discovered an unusual or rare bird, more often than not we would end up taking a road trip to see it. The latest bird we sought was the Common Ringed Plover.

We had so many good times over the years. Wes was so knowledgeable about birds and loved helping newer birders get on birds or answering their questions. The birding community lost a good guy and I lost one of the best friends anyone could ever hope to have in their lifetime. I am happy to have known him and will always remember all the good times we had.

— Cindy Alberico, Crest Hill, IL



Wes Serafin toasts to another lifer bird with his favorite beverage.

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Letter from the Editor ...

Occasionally, I've heard from a few birders that summer is rather boring for birding in Illinois. Just take a look at all the photos we have in this issue showing breeding activity for the many species that raise young in our state, and hopefully you'll agree summer is anything but boring for avian life in Illinois.

I love pretty pictures of birds like the rest, but there's something extra appealing in seeing photos that put birds in their natural habitat successfully raising young. It's an intimate look at their breeding lives, from how and where they build their nests to how helpless some of the young songbirds look in those nests to who brings them all their nourishment – mom, dad, or both.

The photographs you see in these pages really bring home the point that a picture is worth a thousand words. In the field notes, you'll find, for example, exactly what a newly hatched Blue Grosbeak looks like in its nest and what kind of nest a Northern Harrier builds.

In our two-page spread of successful breeders in Illinois, you'll see that both Pileated Woodpecker adults tend to their young as well as what young black-necked stilts look like. What's fun about this photo is that three killdeer were hanging around, so you can compare sizes and stature of these birds.

In addition, there's always something surprising happening even in summer when it comes to birds. For example, an adult Long-tailed Jaeger appeared in July 2015 in Madison County. Douglas Hommert captured remarkable photos of this first record of an adult in the state.

Some of you may be wondering about the ethics of photographing birds during the breeding season. The photographers who supplied these images are careful, ethical people and I thank them for documenting important information of bird life in Illinois. After all, the birds that are listed as threatened and endangered in Illinois are those that breed in this state. We need to keep tabs on their successes and failures and protect the habitats they need to produce young.

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Effects of added social information on habitat selection for grassland birds in Central Illinois

BY JOHN E. ANDREWS

Introduction

Grassland birds migrating to the Midwest often face many challenges and costs associated with moving such a long distance. Information is often used to reduce costs associated with searching for breeding habitat such as prolonged risk of mortality, energy expense, and loss of time that could be devoted to breeding. Habitat cues have been the most studied set of informational cues to explain habitat associations and occurrence patterns of birds (Fisher and Davis, 2010). Structural cues include habitat characteristics such as grass or vegetation density; ground cover; grassland patch size, and vegetation composition. Recently social information has gained popularity in habitat selection research with grassland birds. Several studies have shown adding social information to habitat encourages birds to settle (Ward and Schlossberg, 2004) even if the habitat is poor or an ecological trap (Betts et al., 2008).

Based on a review by Wagner and Danchin (2010), public information is any information available to all individuals and can consist of environmental as well as social cues. Social information is that which is gleaned from observing or interacting with other individuals and can refer to interactions between same (conspecific) and different (heterospecific) species. Birds use habitat cues and they are important, but social information is being shown to influence habitat selection through conspecific and heterospecific attractions. For grassland birds, social information may help overcome major challenges unique to finding suitable grassland habitat.



Grasshopper Sparrows were studied to determine whether social cues affect habitat selection of grassland birds. This photo was taken at Columbia Baptist Church in Fayette County on 25 May 2015.

Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Grassland birds have low site fidelity, which means they need to re-evaluate new breeding grounds every one to two years. One potential reason could be that grasslands change greatly from year to year, either from natural causes like fire or from man-made disturbances like agriculture, which has become one of the biggest drivers of habitat change in Illinois and causes massive change in the landscape each year.

A conservation initiative through the USDA called the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has been providing new habitat in Illinois since 2008. A specific CRP designed for wildlife habitat improvement is called the State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE). Private land owners can enroll in SAFE and then are subsidized to remove enrolled parcels from agriculture production. Upon the next planting season, landowners plant a selected type of native warm or cool season grass mix to produce high-quality grassland habitat for species of conservation concern and game species like Ring-necked Pheasants (*Phasianus colchicus*) and Northern Bobwhite (*Colinus virginianus*). Several other species of grassland birds,



Author stands in the newly enrolled SAFE field for 2012 with a playback station in Livingston County, Illinois.

including Grasshopper Sparrows (*Ammodramus savannarum*), have benefitted from the addition of new habitat from these programs showing regional population stabilization or increase (Herkert 1998).

The research for this project focused on studying behavior that could apply to conservation management. We wanted to know if social information could be used to attract birds to newly planted grasslands in Central Illinois. We predicted that 1) playbacks of Grasshopper Sparrow (GRSP) songs would attract other GRSP, or conspecifics, and 2) there may be potential heterospecific influences, like attracting other grassland bird species. We conducted GRSP song playback experiments from 2010 – 2011. In 2012, the final year of our study, we tested playbacks for Eastern Meadowlarks (*Sturnella magna*) and Red-winged Blackbirds (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) and predicted that each would attract conspecifics and again tested for heterospecific attraction.

Conspecific Attraction

Study sites included 32 newly enrolled grassland fields in the SAFE program and planted with warm or cool season grasses across six counties in Central Illinois (Figure 1). All sites were used for row-crop agriculture the year prior to this research and contained no previous information that could potentially influence settlement (i.e. no useful habitat or social cues were present). Sites varied greatly in size and shape ranging from 2-30+ ha.

To investigate conspecific attraction behavior in Grasshopper Sparrows, we used FoxPro game callers to broadcast GRSP songs in half of the study sites (N=16); the remaining grasslands (N=16) served as silent controls. FoxPro game callers were used to broadcast male GRSP vocalizations we created to mimic a territorial male. Speakers were automated using digital timers and powered by 12-v deep cycle car batteries and protected from the elements by containers. Speakers were randomly deployed over the 32 sites across the 2010 and 2011 breeding season. Speakers were deployed at least a week prior to the first arrival date of migrants (3rd week of April) each year. A single 10-minute unlimited radius point count was conducted once per week at points randomly selected within each of the 32 fields (Bibby et al. 2000). Point count data were compiled from the two years and then the program DISTANCE 6.0 was used to calculate detection probabilities and densities of Grasshopper Sparrows (Thomas et al. 2010). Densities of birds in treatment sites (those with added social information) were then compared with controls (those without added social information). Because habitat cues are still important and could influence habitat selection and settlement, habitat sampling was conducted to see if control and treatment sites were generally similar or different. Line transects

were conducted in each field in the middle of the breeding season. Measurements included ground cover (%), litter depth (cm), vegetation height and density using visual obstruction methods. The vegetation data for the silent control fields were compared with those with added social cues and found to be not significantly different.

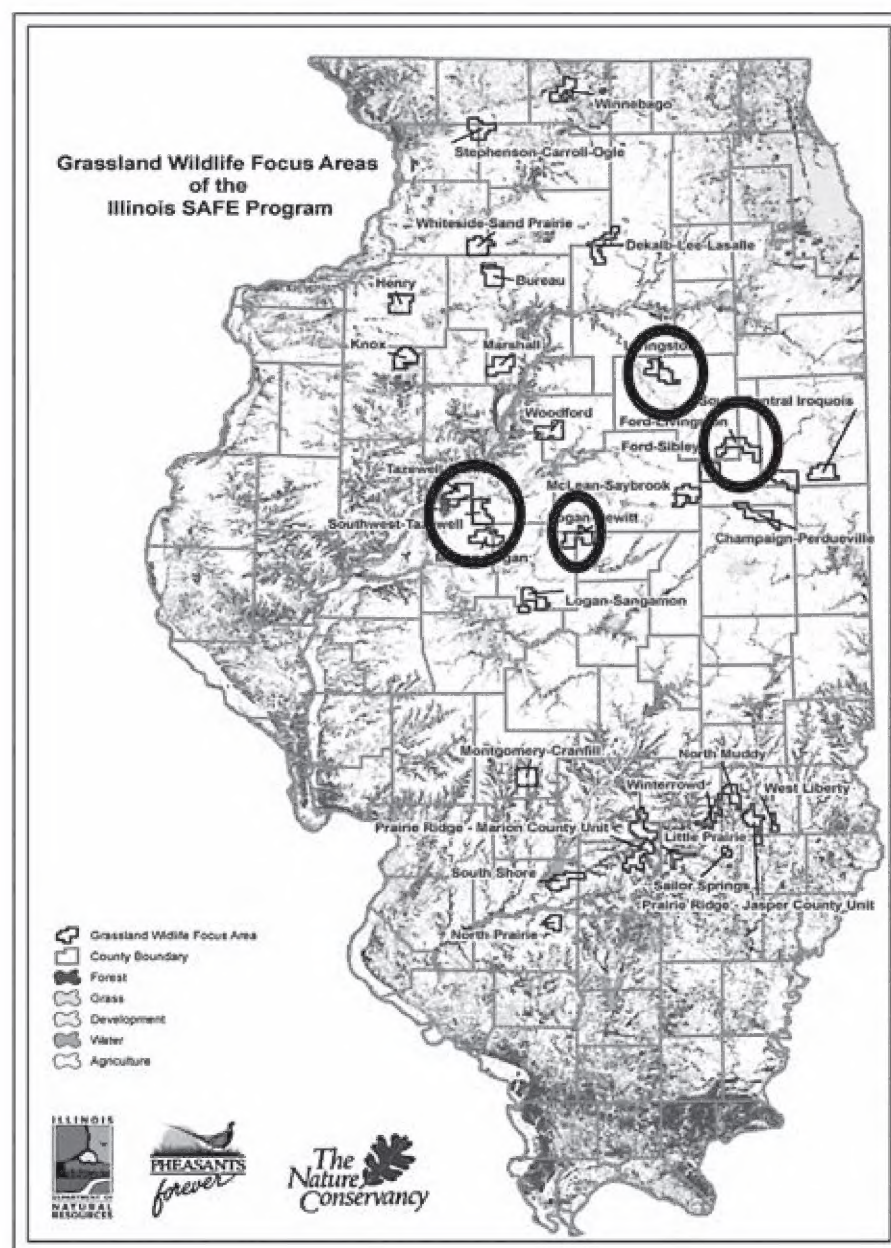


Figure 1: Map of SAFE focus areas in Illinois. Blue circles indicate areas containing field sites used for conspecific and heterospecific attraction research.

To evaluate the effect of the added social cues (i.e. Grasshopper Sparrow song playback) on habitat selection, we used point count data to estimate the densities of Grasshopper Sparrows between sites with and without added social information. Densities of Grasshopper Sparrows were significantly higher in sites with added social cues, sometimes twice as high as densities observed in control sites with no added social cues (Table 1). Habitats were not significantly different between controls and playback treatments and suggested that the higher densities of Grasshopper Sparrows in treatment sites are due to the addition of social information via playbacks. Based on these results it appears that Grasshopper Sparrows are conspecifically attracted to one another when selecting habitat. Eastern Meadowlarks also showed some higher densities within treatment sites

suggesting some potential use of heterospecific attraction in response to Grasshopper Sparrow song (Table 1).

Heterospecific Attraction

Higher densities of Eastern Meadowlarks were observed in response to Grasshopper Sparrow playbacks,

Table 1: Summary of attraction or avoidance trends for experiments done on Conspecific and Heterospecific attraction for 2010-2011. Positive symbols indicate observed attraction trends, negative symbols indicate observed avoidance trends and zeros indicate no effect. Asterisk (*) indicates statistically significant attraction to playbacks ($p < 0.05$).

	GRSP Playback	EAME Playback	RWBL Playback
GRSP	+ *	--	--
RWBL	0	+	0
EAME	+*	+	0
DICK	0	0	0
VESP	0	+	+

which inspired broader experiments in heterospecific attraction in grassland birds. Since Eastern Meadowlarks responded to Grasshopper Sparrows, we expected the reciprocal to be true. We conducted more playback experiments in the summer of 2012 testing for heterospecific attraction using three treatments: Playbacks of Eastern Meadowlark and Red-winged Blackbird and silent controls. The Red-winged Blackbird playback was used as a functional control with the idea that a generalist species like the blackbird would not provide useful information to a specialist species seeking specific types of habitat (Monkkonen et al. 1999) and would control for birds using any addition of bird vocalization as a cue for habitat selection.

Eighteen sites were used for these experiments in the same regions as conspecific experiments described previously. No new sites were recruited for this experiment and all sites were two or three years post SAFE grassland planting. Size range of sites was similar to that described above and the general experimental design was the same, but with fewer replicates. Three, instead of two, treatments were used across the 18 sites with six sites randomly assigned to each treatment. Again, 10-minute unlimited radius point counts were conducted weekly throughout the breeding season and then DISTANCE 6.0 was used to calculate densities and compare them by treatment (Bibby et al. 2000; Thomas et al. 2010). Habitat sampling was completed using the same methods

as previous seasons and again found to be generally similar between sites.

Our data indicate that Grasshopper Sparrows may avoid Eastern Meadowlarks and Red-winged Blackbirds (Table 1). Eastern Meadowlarks may respond to conspecific and heterospecific cues and Red-winged Blackbirds, unexpectedly, responded strongly to Eastern Meadowlark playbacks (Table 1).

Conclusions

Our experiments show that birds are actively listening to both conspecifics and heterospecifics, which potentially influences settlement patterns within grassland bird communities. More species could be added to these analyses, but were restricted to these five because of their commonality among grassland habitats. Grasshopper Sparrows are conspecifically attracted to added social cues. Eastern Meadowlarks are also slightly attracted to conspecifics and to Grasshopper Sparrows.

Knowing which species are conspecifically attracted to each other is useful information for conservation planning and management, especially for species that are of particular conservation concern. For our first experiments, we used Grasshopper Sparrow, now a species of concern in Illinois. The Florida Grasshopper Sparrow subspecies is federally listed. Playback methods in these situations could be used as a form of management to achieve conservation goals and promote habitat selection in focused areas. More information is needed before we integrate these methods into a conservation management plan.

Similar experiments in forest birds have shown that American Redstarts (*Setophaga ruticilla*) avoided areas containing Great Crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus crinitus*) playbacks (Fletcher 2008). In our experiment, two common species likely to be key information providers were used (Nocera and Betts 2010) and community patterns of attraction or avoidance were also observed. Evidence for some competitive exclusion of Grasshopper Sparrows by Red-winged Blackbirds and Eastern Meadowlarks exists; however, more analysis is needed to determine how strong this trend is. Significant conspecific attractions were observed for Grasshopper Sparrows (Andrews et al. 2015) and Eastern Meadowlarks only. Other heterospecific attractions, though weak in some instances, include Red-winged Blackbirds to Eastern Meadowlarks and Vesper Sparrows to both Meadowlarks and Blackbirds (Table 1). While interesting, these results from the 2012 field season could be confounded by the number of years of post grassland planting for some sites. Some studies have shown that birds can use information from one season to influence where they settle in the next season (Andrews et al. 2015). For those 2012 sites selected, older sites could have had returning breeders settling

because of previous information gathered rather than added cues from our experiments. Results such as these may be valuable to help explain how grassland communities assemble themselves on the landscape and identify competitive or mutualistic relationships between species. Further research into grassland bird community ecology and information use could provide valuable information for habitat provisioning and conservation efforts of declining grassland birds.

Habitat modeling is a common tool used to figure out what type of habitat, different species prefer for breeding, at least in migrants, and how to distribute it. A major element missing from these models is the potential for different species to use information from conspecifics or heterospecifics (Campomizzi et al. 2008, Nocera and Forbes 2010). In general, habitat modeling focuses on the specific physical properties of habitats and how frequent a species is found in such a habitat to infer preference. Lower quality habitat may be more suitable if a bird prefers to settle near conspecifics or certain heterospecifics, therefore, incorporating these types of data could increase precision of habitat association models (Betts et al. 2008).

Likewise, incorporating information use and habitat selection behavior into habitat provisioning programs would help create more sound conservation plans.

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Sora breeds successfully in Coles County agricultural field

BY TYLER D. FUNK

I often visit a low spot in an ag field next to the road in Coles County, searching for shorebirds and waterfowl depending on the extent of flooding. The area is between 1100E and 1000E along the south side of 1800N, and routinely holds water through spring into early summer, also receiving a small recharge of flooding in fall.

During a visit in June of 2015, I noticed a Sora standing in the roadway. The rail walked across the road to the north and sauntered off into the corn stalks. On later visits, I either heard or saw the rail when I pulled up to the flooded area. At one point, I noticed two Soras feeding in the area.

On a return trip home from Champaign on 12 July 2015, I stopped to visit this spot. I began taking pictures of dragonflies and frogs when I noticed a flash of yellow in the grass. Looking through my binoculars, I realized it was the bill of a Sora. It was likely breeding here in this atypical spot.

I began taking photographs on 15 July, noting the Sora was sitting on a nest. I guessed standing water would remain for another two weeks, and was not certain when the Sora had begun sitting on eggs.



A Sora incubates on its nest
in Coles County. 16 July 2015.
Photo by Tyler D. Funk

Central Illinois Sora nest records

BY STEVEN D. BAILEY

There are few published records of rail nests of any species in Illinois outside of Bohlen (1989), especially outside the northeastern corner of the state where summering/breeding rails are most numerous. The more recent ornithological literature to be found in the Illinois Ornithological Society's Meadowlark journal and its predecessors, the Illinois Birds & Birding published by the Illinois Audubon Society and Vernon Kleen's mimeographed Seasonal Reports also contain very few rail nesting records. Breeding rails are especially rare in the southern third of Illinois.

There are few definite breeding records anywhere in Central Illinois, though an occasional calling bird can be found most years in scattered local marshes, but most regularly in the more extensive marshlands of the Illinois River Valley. For Sora rails, the only substantial nesting evidence that has been documented for this part of Illinois includes a nest with four eggs located in a sewage lagoon at Danville in Vermilion County on 5 August 1984 by Steve Bailey, a nest destroyed by a tractor at Fairmount in Vermilion County on 17 May, 1988 by Jim Smith, an

adult and juvenile found at Arcola Marsh in Douglas County on 30 July, 2003 by Rhett Jack, a fledgling found in Champaign County on 3 August 2009 by Ivan Petrov, and more recently 14 Sora nests that were located in a marsh bird study at the Emiquon Preserve in Fulton County during the summers of 2013 and 2014 (Jen et al. In press). All such nests or nesting locations were within at least a small marsh or marsh-like habitat. Although already a rare breeding bird in central Illinois, the most unusual thing about the summer 2015 Coles County breed-



**Sora near nest in Coles County.
25 July 2015. Photo by Tyler D. Funk.**

Alas! On my next visit, even though there was still some standing water in the roadside ditch, the farmer had run a mower right over the nest. I figured that was the end of this bird's nesting attempt. However, about a week later, the Sora was still sitting on the nest.

I continued monitoring the nest for the next couple of weeks and at one point wondered if the eggs were viable. I walked up to the nest and the adult bird walked quietly and slowly away. I spread the grass and saw one black colored chick in the nest. The nest contained seven eggs and all but one hatched. There was an eighth egg that likely dislodged from the nest after the lawn mower incident.

At one time, I found a few more eggs had hatched and no chicks were present. Since young rails are precocial, it appeared I would not see them again in the nest. However, on a later visit, I checked the nest and observed a few of the chicks had returned. Although they are able to leave the nest at birth, it's likely they return periodically for shelter and warmth.

I did not see the rails again after the puddle dried, nor did I ever get a chance to see the young out of the nest feeding.

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**The Sora nest after mowing in Coles County.
20 July 2015. Photo by Tyler D. Funk.**

ing record is the location and type of habitat where the Soras decided to build their nest. However, size of wetland was shown to not be of importance in attracting nesting Soras in an Iowa marsh bird study (Brown & Dinsmore 1986). Rundle and Fredrickson (1981) also suggest that rails select habitat because of water conditions and vegetative structure, not plant species composition. Melvin & Gibbs (1996) mention no unusual nest site location such as this one in their thorough Sora monograph.

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Concealment of a Nest and a Roosting Shelter of the Carolina Wren

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The Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*) is known to construct nests in a wide variety of anthropogenic environments often associated with human-made structures (Bent, 1948; Baumgartner and Baumgartner, 1992; Haggerty and Morton, 2014). Brown and Brown, (2014) described an unusual two-compartment roosting shelter (not used for nesting) constructed by a Carolina Wren for winter protection in a farm building. We herein describe an unusual nest and another roosting shelter (both previously unreported) for Carolina Wrens in concealed anthropogenic microenvironments on a central Illinois farm.

The Carolina Wren nest (Figs. 1 and 2) was found on top of a Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) nest in the lower level of a large, two story, gambrel roofed barn on the Lauren and Jill Brown farm (Brown, 2002) in McLean County, Illinois, SE ¼, NE ¼, Section 3, T.25N., R.2E. The barn was built in 1911-1913, and was originally used to house shorthorn dairy cattle. The Barn Swallow nest dates back to at least 1971 and is the oldest of a number in the barn (Brown, 2002). However, in recent years it has been only sporadically used. The mud nest is attached to a horizontal, white oak, hewn beam (5.75

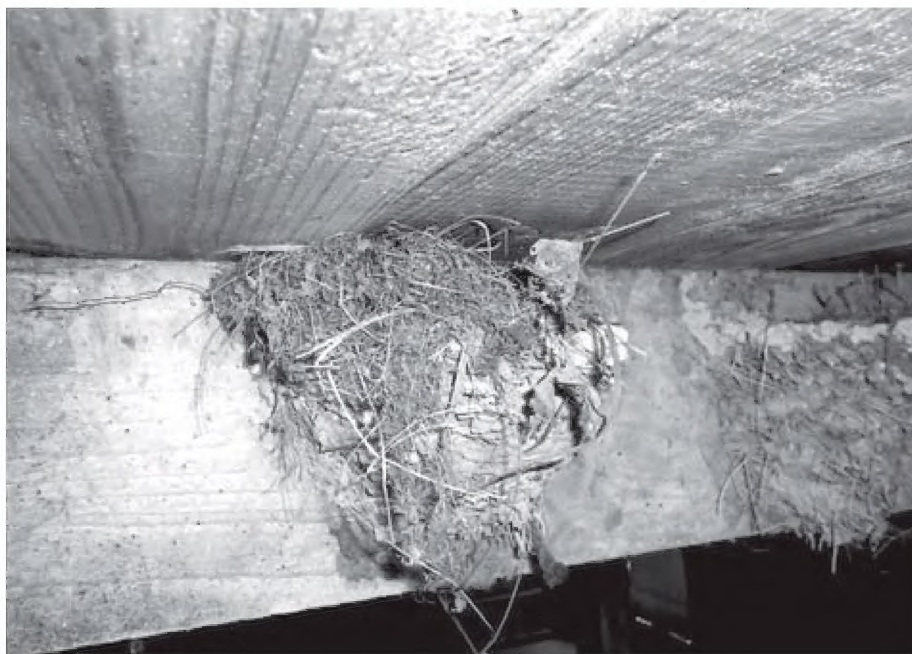


Figure 1. Nest of Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*) built on top of an old Barn Swallow mud nest in a large barn in central Illinois.

Photo by E.S. Brown.



Figure 2. Lateral view of Carolina Wren nest (on top of Barn Swallow nest) with arrow showing opening to former.

Photo by E.S. Brown.

in [14.6 cm] high $\times$ 2.6 in [6.6 cm] wide). The top of this nest is only 1.0-1.75 in (2.5-4.5 cm) below the wood floor of the above haymow. Height of the top of the swallow nest is 95 in (241.3 cm) above the lower concrete floor of the barn (measurements were taken after the nesting season in late October 2015).

On 2015 April 25, a Carolina Wren was first noticed flying around in the barn in the vicinity of the old Barn Swallow nest. New vegetative nesting materials indicated the beginning of nest building by Carolina Wrens in the old Barn Swallow nest as well as in another nearby Barn Swallow nest. Three days later the former nest was completed (Figs. 1 and 2). Subsequently Carolina Wrens were seen entering and leaving the barn numerous times, and one was observed from a distance at the nest.

Carolina Wren nests are typically domed with a lateral opening, but can be dorsally open. The Carolina Wren nest in the barn extends upward to the floor of the haymow and has a rather wide lateral opening oriented at an angle centered ca. 45° to the horizontal axis of the supporting beam (Fig. 2). The opening of the nest cannot be clearly seen by humans or other animals on the floor level.

Nest materials form only a small portion of the roof of the nest, with the ventral surface of the above floor of the haymow making up the remainder of the roof. The roosting shelter materials reported by Brown and Brown (2014) were similar to the nesting materials of the barn nest of the Carolina Wren. Along the upper rim of the Barn Swallow nest, woven moss is the most abundant component of the Carolina Wren nest. The new nest has the same untidy appearance of the Carolina Wren nests observed under more typical conditions (Baumgarter and Baumgarter, 1992). The nest was left undisturbed.

In the past (Brown, 2002), House Sparrows (*Passer domesticus*) have occasionally built their nests on top of Barn Swallow nests in the barn. However, House Sparrows have declined on the farm in the last few years and none have been observed recently in or near the vicinity of the barn.

The roosting shelter of the Carolina Wren was found underneath the cap of L.E.B.'s large propane tank (Figs. 3 and 4). It was not far from the large barn and the smaller farm building that contained the two-compartment roosting shelter reported by Brown and Brown (2014). On March 14, 2015, L.E.B. went to check the gas level in the tank. As he approached the tank, a Carolina Wren was seen flying away from near the small opening in the cap for the gas line exit. When L.E.B. raised the cap to view the dial, a roosting shelter was revealed (Figs. 3 and 4). It was dorsally open and constructed of the same type of materials as the previously reported shelter. However, many larger leaves were used than in the previous shelter. The curved side of the horizontally cylindrical gas tank (Fig. 4) may have provided a problem for shelter construction. However,



Figure 3. Roosting shelter of Carolina Wren constructed under cap (opened) of large propane tank.
Photo by E.S. Brown.



Figure 4. Greater depth of roosting shelter of Carolina Wren shown on curved side of propane tank.
Photo by E.S. Brown.

the vertical side of the cap provided ample support. The lower part of the shelter on the side of the tank consequently was considerably deeper than at the top of the tank (Fig. 4). The bottom was cupped but no lining materials were present. This shelter provided excellent protection from snow, wind, and potential predators. The tank had previously been checked in early February 2015, but no shelter was present. That month was unusually cold which was perhaps the stimulus for shelter building. The spring songbird migrants were just starting to arrive in the vicinity on March 14th, but no other Carolina Wrens were heard or seen. The propane gas delivery person eventually removed the roosting shelter later in the spring.

Haggerty and Morton (2014) reported a nest site from "under covers of house propane tanks." The data source was the "Cornell Nest Records Cards," and no further information was presented. The structure we found was definitely not a "nest" as it was constructed in winter and was not lined with feathers, fine grasses, etc.

A multitude of native animal species have declined and perished as human societies have increased in size and encroached on natural habitats of other species. Thus, the ability of certain species such as the Carolina Wren to actively utilize a plethora of anthropogenic microenvironments for nesting and shelter is remarkable. Furthermore, the flexibility and creativity of design in resolving construction problems of nests and roosting shelters has high survival value for the Carolina Wren. We cannot predict the future with certainty, but the Carolina Wren would seem to have a better chance of future survival than many species as a result of these attributes.

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Botflies, family and spotted owls

Some of Wes' out-of-country trips included Trinidad, Tobago, Belize, Madagascar, Tanzania, South Africa, Colombia, Lesotho, Panama, Peru, Australia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Cambodia and Brazil – that's where he smuggled in several botflies back to the U.S. The doctor who removed them was ecstatic. He asked Wes if he could keep one.

Closer to home, when Cindy, Wes and I went searching for the Spotted Owl in Arizona, we had to take a difficult trail up a canyon. We were only half way up when Wes was retuning and he said, 'Yea, it's there,' as he breezed past us bouncing down the trail with his hands in his back pocket, happy as a lark.

One time at Lake Calumet's Big Marsh, we had to cross a gully full of water to get closer to the shorebirds. Wes, Walter Marcisz, Craig Thayer and John Staudinger, dragged this big railroad tie from the road and they were going try and toss it across. I suggested they just hold it up straight and let it fall to the other side. Four brilliant guys were so anxious to see shorebirds that logic escaped them.



Wes Serafin poses with a lemur on his shoulder on one of his most recent trips — in Madagascar.

Photos courtesy Sue Friscia

Two of his favorite publications were *American Birds* and *Meadowlark*. He would devour the statistics and reread them several times. He loved to try and beat all the high totals or find a species that was new to an area. He did succeed quite often.

— Sue Friscia, Alsip, Ill.

Donations accepted in Wes Serafin's name

A bench and signage will be erected in Wes Serafin's name at the new Orland Grassland South Forest Preserve at 18303 104th Ave. in Orland Park, IL. Donations can be sent to: Forest Preserve Foundation, 69 W. Washington, Suite 2040, Chicago, IL 60602, or donate on line at <https://54682.thankyou4caring.org/i-love-my-preserve>.

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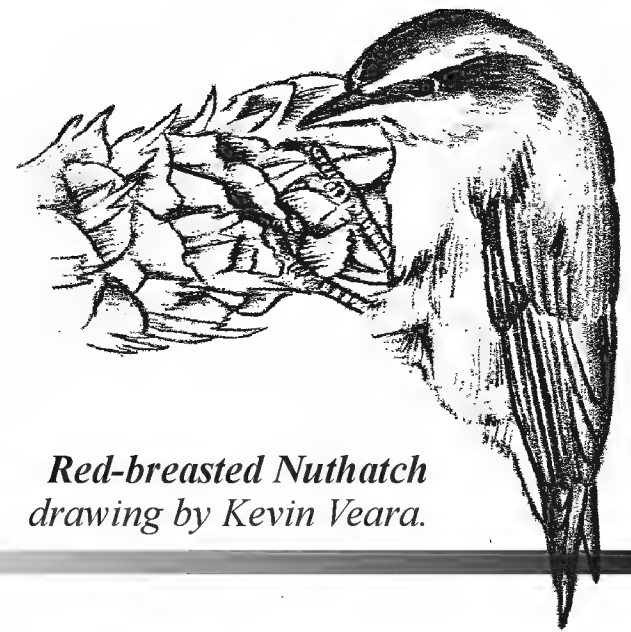
Even though Wes was obsessed with nature, his family was his first and utmost priority. I can remember, doing the death march at Illinois Beach State Park and I could hardly walk. Wes' son was with us and his shoes were hurting him so Wes carried him on his back the whole way back.

Wes belonged to IOS and nearly every bird club in the Chicago area, ABA, Friends of Orland Grasslands, Nature Conservancy, and other conservation organizations. He was adamant about sharing his magazines and passing on the knowledge.

Field Notes:

The 2015 Illinois Breeding Season Report

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Red-breasted Nuthatch
drawing by Kevin Veara.

Climate Data

Since the weather leading into the breeding season can have a strong effect on the overall success of the breeding attempts made by species that will be nesting from April through July and beyond, I'll give a brief recap of that period. The U.S. Drought Monitor (see <http://drought.unl.edu/MonitoringTools/USDroughtMonitor.aspx>) listed 41% of Illinois under the "Abnormally Dry" category going into January 2015 but more normal amounts of precipitation during the spring season, especially beginning in April and through May brought precipitation amounts closer to normal to the point where < 1 % of Illinois remained "Abnormally Dry."

Both temperature and precipitation were above the long-term average during June. The average statewide temperature was almost spot-on average at ~ 72° (lowest in northeastern Illinois at 68°). However, the average statewide precipitation averaged 9.53 inches, a whopping 5.32 inches above normal! In fact, this was the wettest June in the 121 years of record keeping for such things, being 1.26 inches above the previous all-time record for the month of June, with every region of the state having monthly precipitation averages at least 200% of normal! As you might expect, both the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers were above local flood stages in their lower 2/3 of their lengths in the state, during the second half of June.

July temperatures were about a degree lower than the long-term average (74.4°). However, record amounts of precipitation continued to fall, though with a state as large as Illinois, not evenly. Portions of western Illinois received up to 14.40 inches while portions of northwestern and east-central Illinois reported < 2 inches for the month. However, statewide, Illinois averaged 5.20 inches of rain, or 1.11 inches above normal for the month. And with the 20.17 inches that fell statewide between 1 May through 31 July, it was the wettest such period in the 120 years that such records have been kept in Illinois! Much of the Illinois & Mississippi Rivers were above local flood stages through the end of July.

Thanks for the data that go into these climate summaries goes to the Illinois State Climatologists Office. The State Climatologists Office, is a part of the Illinois State Water Survey located in Champaign and Peoria, Illinois, and can be accessed via the web at <http://www.sws.uiuc.edu/atmos/statecli/>.

Breeding Season Highlights

There were 217 species (+ one exotic) reported herein for the months of June and July. There were many other species detected in these two months, mostly early arriving fall migrant warblers and shorebirds, that will be included in the upcoming fall migration report. Of the 217 reported species, at least 24 species were almost certainly not breeding and mostly considered a nonbreeding summer occurrence (NBSO). Many other species were highly questionable as to breeding status in Illinois this summer, including at least 9 of the 18 duck species reported. Nesting evidence, however minimal, was detected for 133 species, though I counted 32 other species that likely or certainly did breed, including species as common or regular as Bells's Vireo, American Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Marsh and Sedge Wrens, Wood Thrush and many others. With just a little more determined effort, breeding confirmations for these and many other more uncommon and even rare species could have been determined. Will ANYBODY in this state finally step up to the plate and organize a follow-up breeding bird atlas □ for Illinois, like many other states have? In fact with a much smaller state and birding population, neighboring Wisconsin is close to finishing its second breeding bird atlas, and didn't begin the first atlas for four years AFTER the completion of Illinois' only atlas!

Some of the more interesting species detected during this summer season included a female Eurasian Wigeon, a holdover from spring migration, a Mottled Duck (a late-season arrival as is now typical with this species), an unusual summer movement of one of the re-introduced, Wisconsin Whooping Cranes into Central Illinois, another hopefully successful Piping Plover nesting attempt along Lake Michigan, Illinois' first alternate plumaged and first summer season Long-tailed Jaeger, a 2nd cycle California Gull, an ad Lesser Black-backed Gull, a Magnificent Frigatebird moving down the Lake Michigan lakefront, yet another breeding season Neotropic Cormorant, a Tricolored Heron, and a flock of Glossy Ibis present for more than a week at Emiquon.

Since most of the above species are non-breeding vagrants/wandering species, below are some of the more interesting breeding bird highlights. Breeding was only documented for the typical six duck species where breeding is usually confirmed, though 18 duck species were located during the period. Ospreys continue to take advantage of

the many utility poles with nesting platforms that have been erected for them at numerous new locations the past several years. Likewise, Bald Eagle nesting locations pop up at many new areas each breeding season. The two Northern Harrier nests found this summer were the first nests for this species to be found in Illinois since four nests were found at Prairie Ridge State Natural Area in 2000. Both nests, found in two areas (both state-owned pheasant habitat areas) were found in areas where the species had previously never been found nesting. May and early June produced an emergence of both 13- and 17-year periodical cicadas in various parts of southern Illinois. Such super-abundances of insect prey can often affect settlement patterns in a variety of species which would otherwise not breed or breed in smaller numbers in the regions where such emergences occur including the Mississippi Kite and Yellow-billed Cuckoo. Although all of the higher tallies for the Yellow-billed Cuckoo occurred in southern Illinois in summer 2015, that is not that unusual, so it is hard to say if an inordinate numbers of these cuckoos settled in the southern areas of the state where the abundant numbers of cicadas emerged or not. However Mississippi Kite noted in the SIU Edwardsville area, and possibly in the Murphysboro and Carbondale areas where periodical cicadas emerged might have been attracted to settle there by emerging cicadas.

Thanks to Leroy Harrison & Bob Shelby, 29 Barn Owl nests w/eggs or yg (including three pairs that were double-brooded) were found in eight southern Illinois counties. The first nesting Short-eared Owls to be found since 2010 and the first nesting away from Prairie Ridge State Natural Area, since a nest was found in Franklin County in 1993, was also located at the Sibley Pheasant Habitat Area where one of the Northern Harrier nests was also found. Rare breeding flycatchers were the story for most interesting passerines found this summer, beginning with some possibly breeding Alder Flycatchers in two northeastern Illinois locations. Three or four singing male Least Flycatchers were on three territories for lengthy periods in June. Western Kingbirds bred at both of two old and two new locations in four areas throughout the state. Scissor-tailed Flycatchers were also located at four areas throughout the state, but none were confirmed breeding. Eleven Loggerhead Shrike nests at 3 locations, all in northern Illinois, was one of the more successful breeding seasons reported in recent years. It was the third year in a row for summering (breeding?) Red-breasted Nuthatches at the Morton Arboretum and this species has summered/bred at numerous DuPage County locations the past seven years.

As mentioned by Doug Stotz in his eBird report of a Brown Creeper sighting for this summer, the local Illinois editors for eBird don't provide any line to enter Brown Creeper sightings for the summer season in Illinois. Apparently they haven't been reading the Breeding Season field notes in this journal for at least the past 16 years, as there have been Brown Creeper sightings for each of these June/July summer seasons, usually with at least 3-5 sightings per year, including evidence of breeding for nine of those 16 years. During that period, Brown Creepers have summered or bred throughout the state including the northwest, north-central, northeast, east-central, central and west central

portions of Illinois as well as several portions of the far southern counties in the state, for a total of 26 counties where this species has been found during that period. Even though the species is a locally uncommon to rare breeder in the state, these records illustrate that Brown Creepers regularly breed each year in multiple locations, including somewhat regularly at such areas as the Palos preserves, Lowden-Miller State Forest, Ryerson Conservation Area, Allerton Park and most of the large bald cypress swamps in southern Illinois within the Cache River State Natural Area, Heron Pond/Little Black Slough Nature Preserve, Deer Pond Nature Preserve, Section 8 Nature Preserve and many other areas. See Bohlen (1989) for the breeding history of this species in Illinois including many other areas where it has bred. As usual, there were a few species found this summer that are more typical of the boreal forest, such as Brown Creeper, Red-breasted Nuthatch and Red Crossbill, but the presence of a singing male Ruby-crowned Kinglet that seemed to be trying to set up a territory in Kane County was quite the surprise. Another boreal breeder, Pine Siskin, bred at, at least one and probably multiple northeastern Illinois locations this spring and summer.

Always a rarely detected breeding bird in Illinois, there were a number of singing male Black-and-white Warblers on territories in widely scattered areas of the state this summer. However no Swainson's Warblers were found, breeding or otherwise, in their favored, far southern Illinois giant cane habitat, for the 4th summer in a row. Interestingly, there was once again multiple, long-staying singing male White-throated Sparrows in several downtown Chicago locations, near where an adult pair with a juvenile were found in 2001, confirming Illinois' first breeding attempt for this species. Some concentrated effort by one or more of Chicago's abundant birding population may well have located a couple/few pairs and maybe even Illinois' first White-throated Sparrow nest. Though another nest was found of the exotic European Goldfinch, the main population has not spread much beyond their only stronghold in Illinois in the Waukegan/Zion area.

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The following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

Apt	= Airport	H	= Harbor	R	= River
B	= Beach	HA	= Habitat Area	RA	= Recreation Area
BBS	= Breeding Bird Survey	I	= Island	Res	= Reservoir
BHCO	= Brown-headed Cowbird	KCA	= Kane County Audubon	Rd	= Road
BO	= Bird Observatory	L/Lk	= Lake	RR	= Railroad
BS	= Bird Sanctuary	L&D	= Lock & Dam	Sav	= Savanna
Btms	= Bottoms	LWR	= Land & Water Reserve	SF	= State Forest
C	= College	M	= Marsh	SHA	= State Habitat Area
CA	= Conservation Area	NA	= Natural Area	SHS	= State Historic Site
Cem	= Cemetery	NC	= Nature Center	Sl	= Slough
Co(s)	= County(ies)	NHL	= National Historic Landmark	SFWA	= State Fish & Wildlife Waterfowl Area
CP	= County Park	No.	= North	SNA	= State Natural Area
CPP	= Chicago Peregrine Program	NP	= Nature Preserve	SNF	= Shawnee National Forest
CR	= County Road	NRT	= National Recreation Trail	So.	= South
Crk	= Creek	NS	= Nature Sanctuary	SP	= State Park
D	= Dam	NU	= Northwestern University	SRA	= State Recreation Area
EA	= Ecological Area	NWR	= National Wildlife Refuge	SWA	= State Wildlife Area
FH	= Fish Hatchery	OSL	= Open Space Lands	Trl	= Trail
FP	= Forest Preserve	PHA	= Pheasant Habitat Area	Twp	= Township
FR	= Shawnee National Forest Service Road	Pk	= Park	Univ	= University
GC	= Golf Course	Pra	= Prairie	USF&WS	= U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service
		Pr	= Preserve	VC	= Visitor Center
@	= at	incl	= including	WC	= Wildlife Center
☐	= singing	ind(s)	= individual(s)	Wds	= Woods
♂	= male(s)	int	= intersection	Wet	= Wetland(s)
♀	= female(s)	juv(s)	= juvenile(s)	WMA	= Wildlife Management Area
#(s)	= number(s)	lg	= large	WS	= Wildlife Sanctuary
*	= documented record	m.ob.	= many observers	WTP	= Water Treatment Plant
**	= specimen record	ph(s)	= photo(s)		
ad(s)	= adult(s)	plum	= plumage		
alt plum	= alternate plumage (breeding plumage)	pr(s)	= pair(s)		
cop	= copulating	prop	= property		
esp	= especially	resp	= respectively		
est	= estimate(d)	subad(s)	= subadult(s)		
et. al	= and other	vid	= video		
HY	= hatch year juvenile	vr	= voice recording		
imm	= immature	w/	= with		
		yg	= young		

COS	= Chicago Ornithological Society fieldtrip
IOS	= Illinois Ornithological Society fieldtrip
EA	= Earliest Arrival
LD	= Latest Departure
MC	= Maximum Count
NBSO	= Non-Breeding Summer Occurrence

Abbreviations for place names

AlmondM	= Almond Marsh Nature Preserve (Lake Co)	ClintonL	= Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)
AmboyM	= Amboy Marsh Nature Preserve (Lee Co)	COLSP	= Chain-O-Lakes State Park (Lake Co)
ArcolaM	= Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co)	Columbia_	= Columbia BBS (Monroe & St. Clair Cos)
Athens_	= Athens BBS (Menard Co)	CONWR	= Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)
Atkinson_	= Atkinson BBS (Henry Co)	CRSNA	= Cache River State Natural Area (Johnson [J]) &/or Pulaski [P] Cos)
BaileyWet	= Bailey Wetland (Richland & Wayne Cos)	CrystalL	= Crystal Lake Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
BannerM	= Banner Marsh State Fish & Wildlife Area (F -Fulton & P - Peoria Cos)	DPCA	= Des Plaines Conservation Area (Will Co)
Beaucoup_	= Beaucoup BBS (Washington/Clinton Cos)	Dudleyville_	= Dudleyville BBS (Bond Co)
BeaverdamL_	= Beaverdam Lake BBS (Pope Co)	ECapeGir	= East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co)
Belknap_	= Belknap BBS (Johnson Co)	EForkL	= East Fork Lake (Richland Co)
BraidwoodL	= Braidwood Lake (Will Co)	Elsen'sHill	= Elsen's Hill, West Dupage Woods Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
Buda_	= Buda BBS (Stark & Bureau Cos)	Emiquon	= The Nature Conservancy Emiquon Preserve (Fulton Co)
BuseyWds	= Busey Woods Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)	ESTL	= E. St. Louis (St Clair Co)
CampPoint_	= Camp Point BBS (Adams Co)	Eubanks_	= Eubanks BBS (Adams Co)
CapSauers	= Cap Sauers Holdings Nature Preserve (Cook Co)	FabyanM	= Fabyan Marsh, West Chicago (DuPage Co)
CarlL-B or C or F	= Carlyle Lake (Bond, Clinton, or Fayette Cos)	Fairbury_	= Fairbury BBS (Livingston & Ford Cos)
CBG	= Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co)	FarinaWet	= Farina Wetland (Fayette Co)
Champaign	= Champaign (Champaign Co)	Fermi	= Fermilab (DuPage Co)
Chau	= Lake Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)		
Chi	= Chicago (Cook Co)		

Abbreviations for place names, continued

FerneClyffe	= Ferne Clyffe State Park (Johnson Co)	OakwoodBot	= Oakwood Bottoms Greentree Reservoir, Shawnee National Forest (Jackson Co)
FGP	= Forest Glen Preserve (Vermilion Co)	Palos	= Palos area (sw. Cook Co)
Flora_	= Flora BBS (Clay Co)	PaulDouglas	= Paul Douglas Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
Forbes SRA	= Stephen A. Forbes State Recreation Area (Marion Co)	Payson_	= Payson BBS (Adams & Pike Cos)
GlacialPk	= Glacial Park Conservation Area (McHenry Co)	PeacockM	= marsh at Peacock Engineering Company, Bolingbrook (Will Co)
GLPSNA	= Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co)	Pembroke	= Pembroke Township (Kankakee Co)
GreeneVal	= Greene Valley Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)	PereMarquette	= Pere Marquette State Park (Jersey Co)
HennepinL	= Hennepin-Hopper Lakes, Dixon Waterfowl Refuge (Putnam Co)	PerryFarm	= Perry Farm Park, Bourbonnais (Kankakee Co)
Heron CP	= Heron County Park, Danville (Vermilion Co)	PGM	= Pingree Grove Water Treatment Plant Marsh (Kane Co)
HeronPond	= Heron Pond/Little Black Slough Nature Preserve (Johnson Co)	PineHills	= Pine Hills/Larue Research Natural Area, Shawnee National Forest (Union Co)
HL	= Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)	Pomona	= Pomona area, Shawnee National Forest (Jackson Co)
HomerL	= Homer Lake Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)	Pontiac_	= Pontiac BBS (Livingston Co)
IBSP	= Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)	Pratt'sWW	= Pratt's Wayne Woods Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
ICCA	= Iroquois County Conservation Area (Iroquois Co)	PrRdg-J	= Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
Itasca_	= Itasca BBS (Cook Co)	PrRdg-M	= Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Marion Co)
Jamestown_	= Jamestown BBS (Clinton & Madison Cos)	Pulaski_	= Pulaski BBS (Pulaski & Alexander Cos)
Jarvis	= Bill Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)	Putnam_	= Putnam BBS (Putnam, Marshall & Stark Cos)
JEPC	= Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish & Wildlife Area (Cass Co)	Rckfd	= Rockford (Winnebago Co)
JP	= Jackson Park and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co)	RedwingSl	= Redwing Slough/Deer Lake State Natural Area (Lake Co)
JubileeC	= Jubilee College State Park (Peoria Co)	RendL-F	= Rend Lake (Franklin Co)
Kankakee	= Kankakee (Kankakee Co)	RendL-J	= Rend Lake (Jefferson Co)
KCP	= Kennekuk County Park (Vermilion Co)	RiverBend	= River Bend Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
KilldeerWet	= Killdeer Wetlands, Tinley Creek Forest Preserve (Cook Co)	RockCut	= Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
KLMSNA	= Kidd Lake Marsh State Natural Area (Monroe Co)	RollinsSav	= Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
LCal	= Lake Calumet (Cook Co)	Ryerson	= <i>Ryerson Conservation Area (Lake Co)</i>
LincPk	= Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)	St. Morgan_	= St. Morgan BBS (Madison Co)
LMich	= Lake Michigan (Lake Co)	SaltCrk	= Salt Creek Woods Nature Preserve (Cook Co)
L&D 13	= Lock & Dam 13, Mississippi River, Fulton (Whiteside Co)	Sang	= Sangamon County
LostMound	= Lost Mound NWR (former Savanna Army Depot) (Jo Daviess Co)	Sangchris	= Sangchris Lake State Park (Sangamon & Christian Cos)
LowdMil	= Lowden-Miller State Forest (Ogle Co)	Sauer FPK	= Sauer Family Prairie Kame Forest Preserve (Kane Co)
LR SNC	= Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center (Cook Co)	Section 8	= Section 8 Woods Nature Preserve (Pulaski Co)
LShel	= Lake Shelbyville (Moultrie – M or Shelby – S Cos)	Sheffield_	= Sheffield BBS (Bureau Co)
LSpfld	= Lake Springfield, Springfield (Sangamon Co)	Sherburnville_	= Sherburnville BBS (Kankakee & Will Cos)
LSummerset_	= Lake Summerset BBS (Stephenson & Winnebago Cos)	SNF	= Shawnee National Forest (various Cos)
LVerm	= Lake Vermilion, Danville (Vermilion Co)	SoP	= South Pond, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
M Arb	= Morton Arboretum, Lisle (DuPage Co)	Spfld	= Springfield (Sangamon Co)
McDowellGr	= McDowell Grove Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)	Springbrk	= Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
McGinnis	= McGinnis Slough (sw. Cook Co)	StarvedRock	= Starved Rock State Park (LaSalle Co)
McHenryD	= McHenry Dam, Moraine Hills State Park (McHenry Co)	Stillwell_	= Stillwell BBS (Hancock Co)
McKeeM	= McKee Marsh, Blackwell Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)	Streator_	= Streator BBS (Livingston Co)
MeadbrkPk	= Meadowbrook Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)	SwallowCliff	= Swallow Cliff Woods Forest Preserve (Palos, Cook Co)
MermetL	= Mermet Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (Massac Co)	TOT	= Trail of Tears State Forest (Union Co)
Midewin	= Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)	Troy Grove_	= Troy Grove BBS (Bureau & LaSalle Cos)
MidFork	= Middle Fork River Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)	TwoRivers	= Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge (Calhoun Co)
MidSav	= Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)	UCSFWA	= Union County State Fish & Wildlife Area (Union Co)
Mill Creek_	= Mill Creek BBS (Ogle & Carroll Cos)	UMRNWR	= Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge (Carroll Co)
MissPalis	= Mississippi Palisades State Park (Carroll Co)	U of I –S	= University of Illinois – Springfield (Sangamon Co)
MissR	= Mississippi River (various counties)	Urbana	= Urbana (Champaign Co)
MomenceSod	= H & E Sod Farm, Momence (Kankakee Co)	VoloBog	= Volo Bog State Natural Area (Lake Co)
MomenceWet	= Momence Wetlands Nature Preserve (Kankakee Co)	VRO	= Vermilion River Observatory, University of Illinois (Vermilion Co)
Monticello_	= Monticello BBS (Piatt & McLean Cos)	<i>WaterfallGlen</i>	= <i>Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve (Du Page Co)</i>
Montrose	= Montrose Harbor, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)	Wauk	= Waukegan Beach & Harbor (Lake Co)
MoraineHills	= Moraine Hills State Park (McHenry Co)	Waynesville_	= Waynesville BBS (McLean Co)
Nachusa	= Nachusa Grasslands (Lee & Ogle Cos)	WhispWil	= Whispering Willows Park, Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
NelsonL	= Nelson Lake Marsh Nature Preserve (Kane Co)	WinthropH	= Winthrop Harbor State Recreation Area (Lake Co)
New Lenox_	= New Lenox BBS (Will Co)		
NoP	= North Pond, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)		
NPM	= North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)		
NygrenWet	= NygrenWetlands Preserve (Winnebago Co)		

More information about abbreviations:

A number in parentheses () indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds. Place names given in italic type are counties. The sequence of records within species accounts, except for maximum counts, begin in northwest Illinois (Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside Cos), proceed to the east, then continue back and forth across the state in a systematic pattern with the southernmost records at the end.

Transparent directionals (n.=north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.), and including c.= central, are used where applicable. Words referring to natural features are generally not abbreviated in names of residential communities (thus Forest Park, Fall Creek, Garden Prairie, etc.).

Headings for species requiring IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are underlined, while those for species requiring review of all records are CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED. Species names that have only been underlined represent species that are either rare or unusual during the summer breeding season. Documentation of such records through the IORC would be appropriate and appreciated. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets []. The IORC review list can be viewed at the IOS/IORC website, <http://www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html>. Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are underlined and/or boldfaced, and some further editorial remarks are also boldfaced. Four-letter alpha or bird-banding codes in capitalized letters (e.g. WODU for Wood Duck, PUMA for Purple Martin, etc.) developed by the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory are occasionally used as abbreviations within the species accounts.

Remarks on the historical significance of records aim to be valid for the corpus of data published in H. David Bohlen's 1989 *Birds of Illinois* and the seasonal summeries in the Illinois journals *Illinois Birds* and *Birding* (summer 1984 – spring 1991) and *Meadowlark* (summer 1991 – present). Data from other sources may have bearing on the validity of these remarks. Species names and sequence correspond to the American Ornithologist's Union Check-List of North American Birds and its supplements through the 57th supplement (2016). The 2010 DeLorme Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer has been used as a standard for spelling of place names for sites included therein.

Some records not printed here may still be under IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review; when completed, they will appear in the published IORC report. As standard policy, all observers, regardless of experience, must fully document all unusual observations. Easy to use documentation forms are available from IORC Secretary, Paul Sweet, 2114 Elisha Ave., Zion, IL 60099. Completed documentation forms of "listed" species should be submitted to the IORC Secretary within one week of the observation. Thanks to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society for providing access to their bird-sighting records found in their on-line database & website <http://ebird.org/content/ebird/>, from which many of the records contained in this report were obtained. Also thanks to those Illinois birders which continue to provide me with their valuable bird-sighting records directly, for the historic record of Illinois's changing bird communities!

2015 Illinois Breeding Season

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK

NBSO: Ferrin (Clinton Co), 3-4 Jun (fide BH:ph, LS). This is the 8th year in a row for a Jun/Jul record of this species.

Snow Goose

MC: 5, Emiquon, 1-6 Jun (JV, TH et al.), but 3 there 11 Jun – 28 Aug (SDB:ph, KAM, AFS, DBJ m.ob.). **Others:** BannerM (Peoria Co), 5 Jun (CAT); Dunlap WTP (Peoria Co) (2), 21 Jun – 17 Jul (DHh, EMC); Spfld ("Blue"), 6 – 10 Jun & LSfld ("White"), 15 – 18 Jun & 13 - 31 Jul (HDB); CarlL-F (injured), 19 Jul (DMK); Sangchris ("White") (had molted its primaries), 15-16 Jul (HDB); CarlL-C (injured), 18 Jun – 2 Jul (DMK). All records represent NBSO.

Canada Goose

Breeding: Apple River Twp (Jo Daviess Co) (pr w/ad on nest w/2+ eggs), 21 Mar (SDB); Four Lakes FP (Winnebago Co) (7 pr w/27 yg), 18 May (DTW); Rochelle (Ogle Co) (3 pr w/ 16 yg), 23 May (DTW); Humboldt Pk, Chi (birds incubating on 4 nests incl one in a planter), 22 Apr (ABA); Emiquon (2 ad w/16 yg), 12 Jun (KAM). **MC:** 269, JP, 1 Jul (PRC); 231, NoP, 10 Jun (GAW, COS); 217, KLMSNA, 27 Jun (CM, JM); 205, LSpfld, 19 Jul (KAM); 202, ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co), 14 Jul (KML); 200, Chi (87th St Steel Mills), 3 Jun (AGl, EDG); 200 (incl ads w/yg), CarlL-C, 2,7, & 9 Jun (DMK); 162, Detweiller Marina, Peoria (Peoria Co), 6 Jun (EMC); 125, Gar Crk Trl, Kankakee, 29 Jul (JBH); 122, CrystallL, 5 Jul (DS).

Mute Swan

Breeding: LCal (Eggers Grove FP) (ad on nest), 3 Apr, w/brood of 1 downy yg, 4 Jul (WJM); LCal (Indian RidgeM) (ad on nest), 5 May, w/brood of 10 downy yg, 24 May (WJM); LCal (PowderhornL FP) 17 Apr, w/brood of 2 downy yg, 2 Jun (WJM); LCal (HegewischM) (brood of 3 white, downy yg), 10 Jun (WJM); HennepinL (ad w/yg), 13 Jun (DFS, JAS); Emiquon (pr w/4 yg), 25 May (EWW). **MC:** 56, SpringL Btms (Tazewell Co), 17 Jun (ASA, JL); 14, RollinsSav, 20 Jun (SM); 13, Emiquon, 9 Jul (AG); 11, BannerM (Peoria Co), 5 Jun (CAT); 10, BannerM (Fulton Co), 17 Jun (ASA, JL); 9, LCal (HegewischM), 6 Jun (WJM); 7, Normantown Wet (Will Co), 26-27 Jun (DK); 6, COLSP, 30 Jun (WM); 6, RedwingSl, 10 Jun (BJS); 6, Double-T SFWA (Fulton Co), 12 Jul (MHB); 5, AlmondM, 10 & 29 Jun (JB & AWS resp). **Others:** DPCA, 21 Jun (JL); RenwickL (Will Co) (4), 11 Jul (DFS); Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (3), 29 Jun (JBH); BeardstownM (Cass Co) (3), 7 Jul (LW); CarlL-C (pr), 14 – 26 Jun (DMK); Salem Pond (Marion Co) (2), 13 Jun (CLC).

Trumpeter Swan

RollinsSav, 3 Jun thru Aug (BJS, et al.); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (3), 20 Jun (RLS).

Wood Duck

Breeding: LostMound (pr w/7+ yg), 21 Jun (JBH); Ridott oxbows (Stephenson Co) (♀ w/8 chicks), 12 Jul (DTW); NygrenWet (♀ w/7 yg & 2 ♀ w/11 yg), 14 Jun & 5 Jul resp (DTW); RollinsSav (♀ w/8 yg), 21 Jun (JG); Rochelle (Ogle Co) (2 ♀ w/16 chicks) & (6 ♀ w/23 chicks) & (2 ♀ w/12 very yg chicks), 7 & 28 Jun & 22 Jul (DTW); Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (♀ w/4 yg & 11 yg), 3 & 9 Jun resp (JW); John J. Duerr FP (Kane Co) (2 newly fledged yg), 22 Jul (JJD); Ferson Crk Fen NP (Kane Co) (7 yg), 3 Jul (JLg); Riverside Pk, St. Charles (Kane Co) (♀ w/11 yg), 2 Jul (TK); CBG (14 ad & 12 yg), 24 Jun (AFS); MArb (3 ad ♂ & 3 very small yg), 6 Jun (PAM, VMn); MArb (♀ w/6 yg), 27 Aug (MN); McKeeM (♀ w/4 yg), 4 Jul (JA); Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co) (♀ w/6, small yg), 8 Jun (SDB); Spring Valley CA, Schaumburg (Cook Co) (♀ w/21 yg), 3 Jun (ABA), LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co) (♀ w/6 chicks & 22 yg), 5 & 19 Jun (FRM & LGM resp); NoP (9♂ & 3♀ w/broods of 5 & 7 yg), 3 Jun (GAW); Columbus Pk, Chi (♀s w/2, 3 & 5 yg), 21 Jun (EDG); Chi (Humboldt Pk) (14 yg), 2 Jun (SBB); New Boston Twp (Mercer Co) (♀ w/2, small, downy chicks), 26 Jun (DFS); Chater Oak Pk, Peoria (Peoria Co) (♀ w/11 chicks), 10 Jun (EMC); Sang (many yg in May, esp @ Washington Pk) (HDB); HomerL (♀ w/7 yg), 3 Jun (DS); ArcolaM (♀ w/9, ½-grown yg & ♀ w/3, ½ grown juv), 22 Jun (SDB); CarlL-C (ads w/yg), 2 Jun – 2 Jul (DMK); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (20 incl ads w/yg), 20 Jun (DMK); CONWR (Grassy Bay) (pr w/8 newly hatched yg), 13 Jun (WW); Makanda Twp (Jackson

*Snow Geese summering
at Emiquon Preserve.
Fulton County. 25 June 2015.
Photo by Steven D. Bailey.*



Co) (♀s w/3+ & 4+ tiny chicks), 4 Jun (SDB); MermetL (♀ w/10 yg), 28 Jun (KAM, COS). **MC:** 113 (numerous juv), AlmondM, 17 Jul (AWS); 78, HennepinL, 6 Jul (DFS); 49, WhalonL FP (Will Co), 18 Jul (JAS); 48, PGM, 16 Jun (WL); 44, McHenryD, 11 Jul (KML et al.); 43, Del Monte ponds, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 28 Jun (DTW); 42, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co), 19 Jun (LGM); 41, Pleasant Valley CA (McHenry Co), 9 Jun (JA); 38, RedwingSl, 30 Jun (BJS); 38, Emiquon, 13 Jul (CL); 35, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 13 Jun (JW); 36, LCal (Indian RidgeM), 25 & 28 Jul (TW & ASA resp); 35, Columbus Pk, Chi, 29 Jun (CV); 33, ShelbyvilleL SFWA (Moultrie Co), 25 Jul (TAM); 32 & 12, Sang, 12 Jul & 24 Jun resp (HDB); 29, NoP, 17 Jun (GAW et al.); 28, Humboldt Pk, Chi, 3 Jun (SBB); 27, UCSFWA, 2 Jul (DDM); 26, CBG, 24 Jun (AFS); 25, Spring Valley CA, Schaumburg (Cook Co), 3 Jun (ABA); 25, CONWR (Grassy Bay), 13 Jun (WW).

Gadwall

Breeding: RollinsSav (ad w/15 yg), 19 Jun (JBk). **MC:** 24, RollinsSav, 19 Jun (JBk); 9, HennepinL, 13 Jun (DFS). **Others:** Charleston WTP (Coles Co) (2), 8 Jul (GT); HL, 16-19 Jul (FRH et al.); CarlL-C (injured ♂), 2 Jun (DMK); Central Bend Rd, MissR (s. Alexander Co), 28 Jul (WDR).

EURASIAN WIGEON

NBSO: CarlL-C (♀), 16 May – 5 Jun (DMK:ph).

American Wigeon

LCal (Burnham Prairie) (♂), 1 Jun (WJM).

American Black Duck

Schustek Pond, Willowbrook (DuPage Co), 2 Jul (DK, LP).

Mallard

Breeding: Florence Twp (Stephenson Co) (♀ w/4 small yg), 17 Jun (SDB); NygrenWet (♀ w/6 yg), 14 Jun (DTW); GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (♀ w/6 yg), 10 Jul (DTW, PD); RollinsSav (♀ w/7 yg), 5 Jun (AMn); PelicanL, MissR (Carroll Co) (15 ads w/7 nests), 26 Jun (SJD); Rochelle (Ogle Co) (♀ w/8 yg), 23 May & (2♀ w/11 chicks), 28 Jun & (♀ w/9 very small yg), 8 Aug (DTW); Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (♀s w/broods of 6 & 12 yg), 2 & 6 Jun (JW); Jelke Crk BS (Kane Co) (♀ w/8 yg), 30 Jun (PR); McNulty Road (Kane Co) (♀ w/5 small chicks), 22 Aug (SK); Jon J. Duerr FP (Kane Co) (♀ w/5 yg), 23 Jun (JJD); Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co) (♀ w/8 yg), 19 Jun (JC); Fullersburg Wds FP (DuPage Co) (♀ w/2 chicks), 9 Jun (LP); Wood Dale Res (DuPage Co) (49 incl 17 very small yg), 13 Jul (AFS); Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co) (♀ w/4, ½ grown yg), 8 Jun (SDB); Harvester Pk, Burr Ridge (DuPage Co) (♀ w/6 chicks), 2 Jul (DK, LP); Orland Grassland (Cook Co) (♀ w/3 yg), 9 Jun (CH); CBG (4 ad & 10 small yg), 28 Jul (AFS); ArrowheadL FP (Cook Co) (2 ♀ w/3 & 7 yg), 5 Jul (DFS); Midlothian Res, Oak Forest (Cook Co) (♀ w/8 small yg), 8 Jun (ABA); Techny Basin CA (Glenview, Cook Co) (3 broods), 4 Jul (JLD); LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co) (5 & 3 yg), 2 Jun (LGM); Chi (Columbus Pk) (pr w/4 yg), 4 Jun (EDG); Chi (McKinley Pk) (2 ♀ w/3 yg each), 4 Jun (SE); Chi (Riis Pk) (5♀ w/broods of 1, 2, 2, 3 & 6), 13 Jun (EDG); Chi (Douglas Pk) (♀ w/4 yg), 7 Jun (EDG); LincPk (Marovitz GC) (8 yg), 4 & 19 Jul (LGM); Montrose (♀ on nest), 8 Jul (LGM, DKA); Jarvis (13 chicks), 18 Jul (LGM); NoP (♀ w/4 yg), 2 Jun (AT); Chi (Irving Park Rd) (♀ w/5 small yg), 28 Jul (DKA); JP (25 incl 16 yg), 1 Jun & (♀ w/5 recently hatched yg), on both 17 Jun & 9 Jul (AT & PRC resp); Izaak Walton Pr, Homewood (Cook Co) (♀s w/1, 3, & 5 yg) & (5, small, downy yg), 1 Jun & 20 Jul resp (PL); LCal (Indian RidgeM) (♀ w/6 small yg), 13 Jun (DKA); Emiquon (10 nests found in marsh bird research project), season (fide AG); BigL (Brown Co) (♀ w/6 chicks), 26 Aug (SDB); Beringer Commons Pond, Urbana (♀ w/3 yg), 1 Jun (DS); Sang (yg noted 29 Apr, w/many yg seen in May) (HDB); LSpfld (4 yg), 16 Jul (CL); HL (groups of 3 & 5 yg), 20 Jul (KAM). **MC:** 200

(incl ads w/yg), HL, 9 Jun (DMK); 128, JP, 1 Jul (PRC); 125 & 122, WhispWil, 26 Jun & 11 Jul resp (JBH); 80, ESTL, 14 Jun (DMK); 73, KLMSNA, 27 Jun (CM, JM); 78, KankakeeR Dam (Kankakee Co), 31 Jul (JBH); 72, LSpfld, 23 Jun (HDB); 67, NorthwesternUniv (Evanston, Cook Co), 25 Jul (MG); 63, NormantownWet (Will Co), 31 Jul (DK); 50, Eagle Lk Rd (Will Co), 30 Jul (SZ); 49, North Aurora (Kane Co), 12 Jul (TW); 49, see above; 47 (incl yg of various ages), Chi (Riis Pk), 16 Jul (EDG); 44, PeacockM, 12 Jul (JAS); 43, AlmondM, 17 Jul (AWS); 43 & 41, Chi (Columbus Pk), 21 Jun & 23 Jul resp (EDG); 43, So. Quincy MissR Btms (Adams Co), 10 Jun (EBR); 40, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 23 Jul (JW); 40, Fermi, 10 Jun (AB).

MOTTLED DUCK

NBSO: NewtonL (Jasper Co), 20 Jul (CLH). This is the 5th out of the previous 6 Jun/Jul periods where this species has been reported.

Blue-winged Teal

Breeding: RollinsSav (fledgling yg), 27 & 30 Jun (BJS); Fermi (♀ w/12 yg), 22 Jul (GP); Air Station Pra, Glenview (Cook Co) (♀ w/12 downy chicks), 7 Jun (SC); KilldeerWet (♀ flushed off nest w/10 eggs), 4 Jun (WJM); LCal (Burnham Pra NP) (family group of 6), 21 Aug (WJM); Pleasant Plains (Sangamon Co) (♀ w/5 yg), 16 Jun (MMn). **MC:** 17 & 8, RollinsSav, 30 & 27 Jun (BJS & BJS, NSr resp); 16 & 13, Air Station Pra, Glenview (Cook Co), 7 Jun & 12 Jul (SC); 13, Maple Park (Kane Co), 29 Jul (PAM); 12, Johnsborg (McHenry Co), 29 Jul (RBe); 12, Burlington FP (Kane Co), 24 Jul (RM); 7, Brunner Family FP (Kane Co), 5 Jul (WL); 6, MissPalis, 21 Jun (JBi); 6, MoraineHills, 17 Jun (MS); 6, Springbrk, 5 Jun (JAS); 6, HennepinL, 13 Jun (DFS); 5, WhispWil (4♂ performing courtship display to ♀), 27 Jun (JBH); 4, IBSP (So. Unit), 24 Jun (JSt); 4, PaulDouglas, 6 Jun (TL). **Others:** GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (2), 12 Jul (JP); McHenryD (2), 6 Jun (KML, SI); VoloBog (2), 5 Jul (BJS); American WayM (Lake Co) (3), 26 Jul (BJS); Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (3), 6 Jun (WM); MidSav (♀), 16 Jun (SDB); PGM (3), 6 Jun (WL); NelsonL (3), 10 Jun (BA et al.); Peck Farm Pk (Kane Co) (3), 13 Jun (TK); Pratt'sWW (2), 9 Jun (PAM); Fermi (2), 24 Jun (GP, KW); HiddenL FP (DuPage Co) (2), 28 Jun (SL); CBG (pr & ♂), 10 Jul (AFS); Bartel (2), 27 Jun (PL); LCal (Indian RidgeM) (3), 9 Jun (TW); Sang (♂), 12 Jun (HDB) & Spfld (2), 3 Jul (MMn); Double T SFWA (Fulton Co) (2), 1 Jun (MHB); Emiquon (2), 12 Jun (DTW); US Rt. 136 (Emden, Logan Co) (2), 5 Jul (NRG, APS); CarlL-C (pr), 2 – 14 Jun (DMK); Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DMK); Boogerville (Wayne Co), 16 Jul (CLH); BaileyWet (2), 29 Jul (CLH); KaskaskiaI (Randolph Co) (3), 2 Jun (DR); ECapeGir (3), 19 Jun (KAM). Many other records of single birds in the Greater Chicagoland area.

Northern Shoveler

MC: 6, CarlL-C, 5 Jun (but 3-4 there, 2 – 14 Jun) (DMK); 3, WhispWil, 25 Jun (JBH). **Others:** JP (1-2♂), 16-19 Jun (RLS, PRC); HennepinL (2), 13 Jun (JAS, PWS); LSpfld (♂), 27 Jun – 23 Jul (HDB et al.); U of I – S (♂), 26 -27 Jun (HDB); East Carondelet (St. Clair Co), 30 Jun (KAM); BaileyWet (♂ & 1), 20 Jun & 22 Jul resp (CLH).

Northern Pintail

GreenviewWet, Partridge Twp (Woodford Co), 4 Jun (TH); BaileyWet, 22 Jul (CLH).

Green-winged Teal

MC: 5 (4♂, ♀), WhispWil, 2 Jul, but 1-3 there, 26 Jun – 8 Jul (JBH). **Others:** BraidwoodL (♀), 2 Jun (JBH); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (♂), 20 Jun (DMK).

Redhead

MC: 3 2♂, ♀HennepinL (), 13 Jun (DFS). **Others:** PGM (♂), 4 Jun (WL); Chi (87th St steel mills) (♂), 8 Jun (EDG, AGI); WhispWil (♂), 2-3 Jul (JBH); CarlL-C, 1 Jun (MSS).

Ring-necked Duck

MC: 11 (5♂, 6♀), HennepinL, 13 Jun (NT), but 2-7 there from at least 4 Jun – 10 Jul (DKA, DFS m.ob.). Breeding? **Others:** PGM (pr), 11 Jun (LA), but 1-2 birds there 13 Jun – 19 Jul (LA et al.). Breeding?; LaMoille WTP (Bureau Co), 2 Jun (MAM); LSpfld (♂), 4 Jun – 30 Jul (HDB et al.).

Lesser Scaup

MC: 3 (2♂, ♀), HennepinL, 13 Jun (DFS et al.), but at least 1♂ there, 19 Jun (LM). **Others:** PGM (pr), 4 - 28 Jun (WL & JW et al.). Breeding?; Emiquon, 17 Jun (ASA, JL); LSpfld (3♂ / ♂ & ♀ / 2♀ / ♂ & ♀), 4 -6 Jun & 10 Jun & 12 Jun & 23 Jun resp (HDB); Mitchie Rd (Monroe Co) (ad ♀), 27 Jun (CM, JM); Wolf Lake (Union Co) (♀), 2 Jul (DDM).

Hooded Merganser

Breeding: NygrenWet (♀ w/5 older chicks), 18 Jun (DTW); Garden PrairieSl (Boone Co) (♀ w/3 juv), 19 & 26 Jun (SDB & AFS resp); RollinsSav (2 ad w/11 yg), 8 Jun (BJS); ShabbonaL SRA (DeKalb Co) (♀ w/2 yg), 28 Jun (DTW); Crabtree NC (Cook Co) (♀ w/8 yg), 24 Jun (JG); Del Monte Ponds, Mendota (LaSalle Co) (family group of 4), 12 Jun (SDB); nw. Spfld (♀ w/8 yg), 13 Jun (HDB); BaileyWet (♀ w/8-9 yg), 4 Jun (CLH). **MC:** 18, TwoRivers, 2 Jun (KH); 13 (juv), Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DMK); 12, Waterford Twp (Fulton Co), 5 Jul (CD); 10, MoraineHills, 1 Jun (JCs); 8 (♀/juv), IBSP (So. Unit), 12 Jun (PWS); 8 (juv), CarlL-C, 18 Jun (DMK); 7, Garden PrairieSl (Boone Co), 17 Jul (DTW, PD); 7 (3 ad, 4 juv), Spring Creek FP (Cook Co), 12 Jun (WP); 6 (juv), LCal (Burnham Pra NP), 11 Jul (TW); 6, TwoRivers, 17 Jun (BS); 5 (♀/juv), WhispWil, 2-3 Jul (JBH:ph). **Others:** Garden PrairieSl, 23 & 26 Jun (DTW & AFS resp); Ellsworth Crk (Whiteside Co) (♀/ juv), 1 Jul (SDB); Makanda Twp (Jackson Co) (♀), 3-4 Jun (SDB).

Common Merganser

NBSO: Heidecke Lake SFWA (Grundy Co) (♂ & ♀), 19 Jul (DFS).

Red-breasted Merganser

MC: 8, Wauk, 17 Jun (PWS:ph); 3♀, Chi (87th St steel mills), 23 Jun (EDG, AG), but one ♀ noted there on several dates thru 27 Jul (EDG, AG). **Others:** Chi (Montrose & BelmontH) (♀ & ♂), several dates, 13 Jun – 9 Jul (LGM:ph, JIE, ASA et al); El Paso WTP (Woodford Co) (♀), 12 Jun (SDB).

Ruddy Duck

Breeding: GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (♀ w/brood of 6 downy yg), 11 Jul (WJM, JSA, JRS); PeacockM (♀ w/3-4 lg juv), 19 – 31 Jul (DFS & DK); HennepinL (♀ w/6-7 yg), 4 Jun (DKA).

MC: 26 & 22 & 21 & 18, HennepinL, 1 Aug & 13 & 4 Jun & 4 Jul (KAM & DFS & DKA & VM resp); 6, Chi (Lincoln Pk Zoo), 17 Jun (ME). **Others:** PBM (2), 14 Jul (WL); Fermi, 24 Jun (DSa); Gridley WTP (McLean Co) (♀), 29 Jul (TH, DH); El Paso WTP (Woodford

Co), 15 Jul (PHF); ArcolaM (ad ♂), 22 Jun (SDB); LSpfld (♀), 21 Jun – 9 Jul (HDB); Sangchris (pr), 25 Jul & ♂, 28-29 Jul (HDB); O'Fallon WTP (St. Clair Co) (ad ♂), 1 Jul (KH); HL (ad ♂), 19 Jul (TW, JU); CarlL-C, 5 Jun (DMK).

Northern Bobwhite

Breeding: Emiquon (ad w/6 chicks), 30 Aug (DTW); MidFork (covey of 12 mostly HY yg), 21 Jun (NS); McClure (Union Co) (♀ w/2 yg), 30 Jul (RP). **MC:** 27, Stillwell_, 5 Jun (VMK); 22, Flora_, 15 Jun (CLH); 17, Columbia_, 6 Jun (KAM); 12, MidFork, see above; 12, Eubanks_, 1 Jun (JLF); 11, CampPoint_, 4 Jun (VMK); 11, Payson_, 2 Jun (JLF); 11, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 10, Emiquon, 20 Jun (BM); 10, Edwards, 6 & 10 Jul (RES); 10, Wolf Crk Causeway (Williamson Co), 12 Jun (WW); 9♂, Sand Prairie-Scrub Oak NP (Mason Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 8, Whitefield PHA (Marshall Co), 6 Jun (TH); 8, Jim Edgar/Panther Crk SFWA (Cass Co), 6 Jun (JRH); 8, Athens_, 2 Jul (VMK); 8, Monroe, 28 Jun (PLs); 8, Pyramid SP (Denmark Unit, Perry Co), 3 Jul (MT); 7, PrRdg-M, 14 Jun & 11 Jul (CL & BJS resp); 6, Buda_, 18 Jun (JWW); 6♂, Pembroke, 3 Jul (RDH); 6♂, Havana Twp (Mason Co), 9 Jul (SDB); 6, CarlL-C, 5 Jun (DMK); 6, Beaucoup_, 2 Jun (DMK); 6, White, 22 Jul (RES); 6, Levee Rd. nw. of Reynoldsville (Union Co), 23 Jul (DDM). **Others:** Atkinson_ (3), 26 Jun (DFS); Sheffield_ (3), 27 Jun (DFS); Eliza Twp (Mercer Co) (2), 26 Jun (DFS); GLPSNA, 27 Jun (MM); Midewin (2), 27 Jun (GD); E. Will Co, 6 Jun (JBH); ICCA (2), 5 Jul (NT); Peoria (7 in 6 locations), Jun - Jul (EMC); Double T SFWA (Fulton Co) (2), 12 Jul (TH); Gridley (McLean Co) (5), 19 Jul (TW); Schroeder NS (McLean Co), 23 Jun (AW); Weldon Springs SP (DeWitt Co), 9 Jun (EW); Sang (5), 6 & 16 Jun & 3 Jul (HDB); Monticello_, 22 Jun (MPW); Larry D. Closson SHA (Douglas Co) (2), 30 Jun (RBy); Sargents Wds (Coles Co) (2), 10 Jun (GT). **Notes:** Sang ("still very low #") (HDB); "Virtually extirpated from most of east-central Illinois" (SDB).

Ring-necked Pheasant

Breeding: Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (♀ w/8, ½ grown yg), 10 Jul (JW); GreenR SWA (Lee Co) (♀ w/4, ½ grown yg), 30 Jun (TS:ph); GLPSNA (♀ w/3 chicks), 15 Jun (JBk); East Nelson Twp (Moultrie Co) (2 lg juvs), 8 Aug (CL); CarlL-C (juv), 19 Jun (DMK); Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (♀ w/chicks), 3 Jun (CLH:ph). **MC:** 13, Midewin, 1-3 Jun (DZ); 13, e. Will, 6 Jun (JBH); 12, Wauponsee Glacial Trl (Will Co), 5 Jun (DZ); 10, Ken Schroeder WS (McLean Co), 22 Jul (DH); 8, Mill Creek_, 16 Jun (DTW); 7, NelsonL, 4 & 18 Jun (MM); 7, Jim Edgar/Panther Crk SFWA (Cass Co), 6 Jun (JRH); 7, Fairbury_, 18 Jun (VMK); 7, Sang, 4 Jun (HDB); 6♂, Shannon Twp (Carroll Co), 19 Jun (SDB); 6, LSummerset_, 17 Jun (DTW); 6, Muirhead Springs FP (Kane Co), 9 Jun (WL); 6, Pontiac_, 19 Jun (VMK); 6, Champaign (2 locations), 11 Jul (NS, CW); 5♂, Rockton Twp (Winnebago Co), 9 Jun (SDB); 5, Nachusa, 12 Jun (LM, JLD); 5♂, IL. Rt. 94, Bald Bluff Twp (Henderson Co), 28 May (SDB); 5, Buda_, 18 Jun (JWW); 5, ne. Kankakee, 6 Jun (JBH); 5, PerryFarm, 4 Jun (JBH). **Others:** Florence Twp (Stephenson Co) (3♂), 18 Jun (SDB); COLSP (♂), 6 Jun (BJS); Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (4), 4 & 13 Jun (JW); Springbrk, 6 Jun (KW); Bartel, 5 Jun (PL); Streator_ (3), 6 Jun (JAS); Forest Glen Pr (Vermilion



*Ring-necked
Pheasant family.
Green River State
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Lee County.
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*Eurasian Collared-
Dove. River Grove.*

Cook County.

2 June 2015.

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Co) (4), 3 Jun (CAT); Atkinson_ (2), 26 Jun (DFS); Waynesville_ (3), 29 Jun (VMK). **Note:** More encounters throughout its range this summer compared with summer 2014. Numerous reports of 1-3 birds throughout range.

Greater Prairie-Chicken

Breeding: PrRdg-J (39♂ displaying on spring leks) (fide CLH); PrRdg-M (29♂ displaying on spring leks) (fide CLH). No other summer reports.

Wild Turkey

Breeding: Rckfd (♀ on nest), 15 May, but ♀ & nest depredated by 19 May (DTW); Oliver Rd (Winnebago Co) (♀ w/2 poults), 16 Jul (DTW); KishwaukeeR SFWA (DeKalb Co) (2 ad w/6 yg), 26 Jun (AFS); Hormel Landing, Donnelly/Depue SFWA (Bureau Co) (5 ads & 5, ½-grown, downy yg), 6 Jul (DFS); StarvedRock (♀ w/5 yg), 31 Jul (JG); DPCA (♀ w/5 yg & pr w/6 yg), 23 & 31 Jul resp (JLc); Knoxville (Knox Co) (♀ w/chick), 29 Jul (JSy); Evans Twp (Marshall Co) (14 yg), 1 Aug (CAT); Fondulac Twp (Tazewell Co) (ad w/2 juv), 10 Jul (MMn); Knoles Rd (Menard Co) (♀ w/5 yg), 6 Jun (MMn); Lost Bridge Trail (Spfld) (♀ w/yg), 10 Jun (HDB); General Dacey NRT (Shelby Co) (2♀ w/10 juv), 20 Jun (BL); *Richland* (♀ w/6 yg), 26 Jul (CLH); McLeansboro Twp (Hamilton Co) (pr w/5+ ½ grown yg & ♀ w/11, ¼ grown yg), 23 & 24 Jun resp (SDB); Grindstone Crk, Heralds Prairie Twp (White Co) (♀ w/3 juv), 24 Jul (SSe); CONWR (2♀ w/9, ft-high juvs), 1 Jul (JGd); Carterville (Williamson Co) (2♀ w/12, ½ grown yg), 7 Aug (JGd). **MC:** 25, CarlL-C, 18 Jun (DMK); 22, MermetL, 2 Jul (KAM); 22, CONWR, 1 Jul (JGd); 19, Rockton Twp (Winnebago Co), 9 Jun (SDB); 16, Big MuddyR Levee Rd (Union Co), 24 Jul (WDR); 14, Grand Tower Twp (Jackson Co), 18 Jul (TH); 13, COLSP, 2 Jul (BJS); 10, Levee Rd, nw. of Reynoldsville (Union Co), 23 Jul (DDM); 9, Gander Mountain FP (Lake Co), 27 Jun (JF); 9, EvergreenL (McLean Co), 4 Jul (AW); 9, Pyramid SP (Denmark Unit, Perry Co), 13 Jul (BJS); 9, OakwoodBot, 17 Jun (JT); 8, Greene Twp (Woodford Co), 27 Jul (TH); 8 (6 ad, 2 juv), Funks Grove (McLean Co), 21 Jun (EW); 7, LSummerset_, 17 Jun (DTW); 7, Sang, 30 Jun (HDB); 6, MermetL, 17 Jun (CF). **Others:** Newport Twp (Lake Co) (5), 7 Jun (BJS); Burlington Twp (Kane Co) (5 juvs), 7 Jul (RS); Pratt'sWW (2), 9 Jun (PAM); Cantigny Pk, Wheaton (DuPage Co) (4), 13 Jun (JC, KW).

Pied-billed Grebe

Breeding: GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (pr w/2 yg), 21 Jun (AFS); MidSav (ad & 6 juv), 14 Jun (JR); Pratt'sWW (pr w/4 juv), 8 Jun (PAM); PGM (6 yg), 12 Jul (JAS); NelsonL (ad w/4 yg), 4 Jun (MM); McKeeM (pr w/6 yg), 21 Jun (GP et al.); Orland Grassland (Cook Co) (ad feeding 2 very small yg), 2 Jun (AFS); PeacockM (ads w/broods of 3, 3, 2, & 1 yg & 2 other ads sitting on nests), 19 Jul (DFS); Burnham Pra NP (Cook Co) (4 ad & a downy chick), 17 Aug (DFS); HennepinL (ad on nest), 4 & 6 Jul (VM & DFS resp). **MC:** 37, McGinnis, 26 Jul (MMC); 18, PeacockM, 19 Jul (DFS); 10, GooseL CA (McHenry Co), 7 Jul (SC); 10, KillarneyL (McHenry Co), 2 Jul (JPn); 10 (2 locations), Pratt'sWW, 8 & 10 Jun (PAM); 10, HennepinL, 6 Jul (DFS); 9, McKeeM, 21 Jun (GP et al.); 8, MoraineHills, 23 Jun (MS); 5, Glacial Park CA (McHenry Co), 2 Jul (PAM); 5, RollinsSav, 19 Jun (CS). **Others:** Ridott oxbow pools (Stephenson Co) (2), 12 Jul (DTW); Garden PrairieSl (Boone Co) (2), 17 Jul (DTW, PD); L&D 13 (2), 16 Jul (JC); Fermi (Main Ring), 24 Jun (MN); GLPSNA, 27 Jun (MM); Mitchie Rd (Monroe Co) (4), 21 – 22 Jun (C&PD, KAM); Boogerville (Wayne Co), 14 Jul (CLH); AMAX, 12 & 23 Jul (CLH); WhispWil (pr & 1), 27 & 28 Jun resp & Aroma Park (Kankakee Co), 28 Jun (JBH); SandL (Mason Co), 13 &

28 Jul (CL & TH resp); Midway Rd fluddle (Morgan Co), 20 Jul (CD); ESTL (SaugetM) & HL, 4 & 21 Jul (SK, JK & CB resp); Kaskaskial (Randolph Co), 23 Jul (DR); Jacob (flooded field, Jackson Co), 9 & 28 Jul (DDM); near UCSFWA, 24-26 Jul (WDR, DDM).

Rock Pigeon

MC: 200, ESTL, 21 Jun (DMK); 183 & 146, Chi, 12 Jul & 12 Jun resp (DKA); 150 & 107, Irving Park, Chi, 15 Jul & 12 Jun resp (DKA); 150, Amoco Rd, Channahon (Will Co), 26 Jul (JLc); 120, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DMK); 110, Bartel, 31 Jul (PL); 75, Chi (Humboldt Pk), 30 Jul (RE); 72, Kaneville (Kane Co), 25 Jul (PAM); 53, Whalon Lk FP (Will Co), 18 Jul (JAS); 50, Peoria Riverplex (Peoria Co), 6 Jun (EMC); 50, Quincy (Adams Co), 13 Jun (EBr); 47, US Hwy 67, Monmouth (Warren Co), 4 Jul (TJn); 45, Levee Rd. no. of I-255 (Monroe Co), 3 Jul (DM); 41, Sheffield_, 27 Jun (DFS).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: 20, Jacob (Jackson Co), 4 Jul (JGd); 14, Stillwell_, 5 Jun (VMK); 10, Havana (Mason Co), 9 Jul (SDB); 9, Beaucoup_, 2 Jun (DMK); 8, Sweetwater Pk, Elmwood (Peoria Co), 26 Jun (EMC); 6, Streator_, 6 Jun (JAS); 6, Jamestown_, 4 Jun (DMK); 6, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DMK); 5, Florence Twp (Stephenson Co), 17-18 Jun (SDB); 5, Sang, 13 Jun (HDB); 5, St. Morgan_, 14 Jun (KAM); 4, Pekin (Tazewell Co), 17 Jun (ASA, JL); 4, Monticello_, 22 Jun (MPW); 4, Elwin (Macon Co), 25 Jul (TAM); 4, MermetL, 2 Jul (KAM). **Others:** German Valley (Stephenson Co) (2), 16 Jun (DTW); Mill Creek_, 16 Jun (DTW); Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (4), 23 Jun (DTW); Hume Twp (Whiteside Co), 2 Jul (SDB); River Grove (Cook Co) (2), 4 Jun (SSL); Chi (Brookfield Zoo) (2), 30 Jun (JSA); Atkinson_ (4), 26 Jun (DFS); Annawan (Henry Co) (2), 2 Jul (SDB); Buda_, 18 Jun (JWW); Roseville (Warren Co) (2), 28 May (SDB); Metamora (Woodford Co), 18 Jul (PHF); Eubanks_ (4), 1 Jun (JLF); Payson_ (3), 2 Jun (JLF); Astoria (Fulton Co) (4), 9 Jul (SDB); BeardstownM (Cass Co) (3), 25 Jun (SDB); Virginia (Cass Co) (3), 25 Jun (SDB); IL Rt. 136 (Logan Co) (2), 12 Jun (KAM); *Morgan* (2), 27 Jul (KAM); Arcola (Douglas Co), 22 Jun (SDB); Lafayette Twp (Coles Co), 22 Jun (SDB); *Macoupin* (2), 24 Jun (KAM); *Montgomery* (2), 24 Jun (KAM); Flora_, 15 Jun (CLH); East Carondelet (St. Clair Co) (2), 30 Jun (KAM); Dudleyville_ (4), 12 Jun (DMK); CarlL-C (4), 18 Jun (DMK); Columbia_ (2), 6 Jun (KAM); Baldwin (Randolph Co) (2), 2 Jun (SDB); Pinckneyville (Perry Co) (2), 14 Jun (KAM); McLeansboro (Hamilton Co) (2), 24 Jun (SDB); Harrisburg (Saline Co) (2), 4 Jun (SDB); Anna (Union Co) (2), 28 Jun (KAM); *Pulaski* (2), 28 Jun (KAM). **Note:** Reported from 63 counties statewide but no reports from many southeastern Illinois counties.

Mourning Dove

Breeding: Chi (87th St steel mills) (ad on nest), 23 Jun (EDG); Spfld (nest building 17 Mar, active for ~ 10 days then abandoned) (RLJ). **MC:** 321, *mw. Scott*, 27 Jul (KAM); 100, Harwood Twp (Champaign Co), 11 Jul (NS, CW); 80, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DMK); 75, Stillwell_, 5 Jun (VMK); 67, Fairbury_, 18 Jun (VMK); 67, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 61, CampPoint_, 4 Jun (VMK); 60, Havana Twp (Mason Co), 17 Jun (ASA, JL); 59, Sang, 30 Jun (HDB); 57, Monticello_, 22 Jun (MPW); 53, Jamestown_, 4 Jun (DMK); 52, Flora_, 15 Jun (CLH); 50, LSummerset_, 17 Jun (DTW); 50, s. of Grand Tower (Jackson Co), 2 Jul (DTW); 48, Rckfd Apt. 11 Jul (ASA); 45, Riverside Twp (Adams Co), 29 Jul (EBr); 44, Athens_, 2 Jul (VMK); 44, St. Morgan_, 14 Jun (KAM); 44, Columbia_, 6 Jun (KAM); 41, *Edwards*, 27 Jun & 4 Jul (RES); 41, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 40, Mill Creek_, 16 Jun (DTW); 40, Seven Hickory Twp (Coles Co), 22 Jul (GT); 40, Cambria (Williamson Co), 29 Jul (WW); 31, Buda_, 18 Jun (JWW); 30, Eubanks_, 1 Jun (JLF).

Black-billed Cuckoo

Breeding: Elsen's Hill (ad w/juv), 31 Jul (PAM). **MC:** 3, Lost Mound, 19 Jul (EB); 2, Pratt's WW, 10 Jul (PAM); 2, Elsen's Hill & West Chicago Pra FP (DuPage Co), 12 Jul & 3 Jun (PAM & SK resp); 2, GLPSNA, 27 Jun (MM). **Others:** Only located in 12 counties, all but four in northeastern Illinois and most records only single birds.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

MC: 33, Section 8 (1 ½ mile census & walk thru bald cypress/tupelo swamp), 11 Jun (SDB); 19, Beaverdam L., 10 Jun (VMK); 13, Belknap L., 11 Jun (VMK); 10, *Alexander*, 28 Jul (WDR); 9, Pulaski L., 12 Jun (VMK); 8, Harriss L., Pinckneyville (Perry Co), 3 Jun (SDB, JS); 7, Two Rivers, 2 Jun (KH); 6, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DMK); 5, Jubilee C., 5 Jun (EMC); 5, Sand Prairie-Scrub Oak NP (Mason Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 5, Carpenter Pk, Spfld, 5 Jun (CL); 5, Sang, 13 Jun (HDB); 5, Twigg Twp (Hamilton Co), 24 Jun (SDB); 5, CONWR, 12 Jun (WW); 5, Oakwood Bot, 1 Jun (DDM); 5, Mermet L., 28 Jun (TW); 5, *Hardin*, 27 Jul (WDR). **Others:** Camp Point L. (4), 4 Jun (VMK); Ellis Grove (Randolph Co) (3), 2 Jun (SDB); Pyramid SP – Denmark Unit (Perry Co) (4), 3 Jul (MT); Makanda Twp (Jackson Co) (4), 4 Jun (SDB).

Common Nighthawk

MC: 16, Havana (Mason Co), 24 Jun (SDB); 12, Chi (87th St steel mills), 12 Jun (AG); 10, Ingersol Centennial Pk, Rckfd, 4 Jul (RS); 7, Columbia (Monroe Co), 27 Jun (JM, CM); 6, Macomb (McDonough Co), 29 May (SDB); 6, Meadbrk Pk, 1 Jul (RD); 6, Benton (Franklin Co), 23-24 Jun (SDB); 6, Harrisburg (Saline Co), 11 Jun (SDB); 5, Carbondale (Jackson Co), 26 Jun (ASA); 4, Belleville (St. Clair Co), 2 & 12 Jun (DMK & KAM resp); 4, Dixon (Lee Co), 30 Jun (SDB); 4, Hubbard Woods (Cook Co), 19 Jul (SHA); 4, Oswego (Kendall Co), 4 Jun (SJ). **Others:** Lost Mound (3), 19 Jul (EB); Freeport (Stephenson Co) (3), 18 Jun (SDB); Jelke Crk BS (Kane Co) (3), 30 Jun (PR); Chi (Hegewisch neighborhood), season (WJM); Sterling (1) & Rock Falls (1) (Whiteside Co), 1 Jul (SDB); Chi (Ronan Pk) (3), 18 Jun (ME); Homewood (Cook Co) (2-4), 30 Jun - 28 Jul (PL); Chi (Steelworkers Pk) (2), 13 Jun (MMC, DKA); Kewanee (Henry Co) (3), 2 Jul (SDB); Princeton (Bureau Co), 14 Jun (SDB, SLD); Beardstown M (Cass Co) (3), 25 Jun (SDB); Spfld (2), 1-2 Jun & 22, 29 Jul (HDB); Roodhouse (Greene Co) (3), 4 Jul (TJn); Watershed NC, Edwardsville (Madison Co), 7 Jun (CK); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (2), 29 Jun (KAM); Shiloh (St.



Yellow-billed Cuckoo.

Along Kaskaskia River.

Clinton County. 18 June 2015.

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Clair Co) (2), 12 Jun (KAM); Carl L-C, 2 Jul (DMK); Marion (Williamson Co) (2), 26 Jun (KAM). One or two birds seen at many other locations statewide.

Chuck-wills-widow

MC: 9, Forbes SRA, 4 Jun, w/3 there, 11 Jul (CLH). **Others:** CONWR (2), 11 Jun (WW); Ferne Clyffe (3), 27 Jun (KAM).

Eastern Whip-poor-will

MC: 5, IBSP (So. Unit), 22 Jul (JLd, LM); 3, Camp Saukenauk, Lima Twp (Adams Co), 16 Jun (CK). **Others:** Goose Lake Twp (Grundy Co) (2), 17 Jun (ASA, JL); Pembroke (2), 4 Jul (JBH); ICCA (2), 19 Jun (JBH); Hagener Twp (Cass Co) (2), 27 Jun (FS).

Chimney Swift

Breeding: Brunner Family FP (Kane Co) (nest w/ yg & nest building & 4 ads entering CHSW nesting tower), 25 Jul & 19-30 Jun & 6 Jun resp (MM); Section 8 (10 birds circling & entering huge, hollow bald cypress tree along IL. Rt. 37 where this species has nested for at least 35 years), 11 Jun (SDB). **MC:** 230 & 100, Chi (87th St steel mills), 10 Jul & 3, 14 Jun resp (AGL, EDG); 125, Henry St Pk, Alton (Madison Co), 30 Jun (ATB); 100, LSpfld (feeding below dam due to cool, rainy weather), 27 Jun (HDB); 95 (entering an apparent nesting? chimney), Batavia (Kane Co), 14 Jun (MM); 67, JP, 23 Jun (PRC); 60 & 51, Montrose, 9 Jul & 1 Jun (ASA & GAW resp); 60, DPCA, 1 Jun (DFS); 50, Chi (Loyola Pk), 8 Jul (ASA); 48, Quincy (Adams Co), 13 Jun (EBR); 45, Chi (Burnham Pk), 2 Jun (DFS); 40, Chi (Columbus Pk), 28 Jun (EDG); 32, McKinley Wds FP (Will Co), 1 Jun (DFS); 30, Emiquon, 17 Jun (ASA, JL).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Breeding: Makanda Twp (Jackson Co) (♂ performing aerial courtship flight display), 3 Jun (SDB). **MC:** 245 (190 banded incl 55 returns/ previously banded), St. Clair, 11 Jul (VMK); 165 (banded, incl 22 returns w/one return from 2009), Hillsboro (Montgomery Co), 13 Jul (VMK); 163 (banded, incl 15 returns), Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co), 4 Jul (VMK); 134 (banded, incl 7 returns), Madison, 25 Jul (VMK); 126 (banded, incl 5 returns), Mascoutah (St. Clair Co), 28 Jun (VMK); 110, (banded, incl 24 returns), Donnellson (Bond Co), 27 Jun (VMK); 100 (banded, incl 24 returns), Kellerville (Brown Co), 4 Jun (VMK); 98 (banded incl 10 returns), n. Calhoun, 27 Jul (VMK); 94, (banded incl 11 returns), Roodhouse (Greene Co), 16 Jul (VMK); 84 (banded, incl 6 returns), Okawville (Washington Co), 22 Jul (VMK); 82 (banded), Astoria (Fulton Co), 10 Jul (VMK); 82 (banded, incl 16 returns), Greenville (Bond Co), 9 Jul (VMK); 75 (banded, incl 13 returns), Walnut Hill (Marion Co), 22 Jul (VMK); 75 (banded, incl 15 returns), TOT, 1 Aug (VMK); 73 (banded, incl 13 returns), New Athens (St. Clair Co), 24 Jul (VMK); 66



Common Nighthawk.

Perry County.

3 June 2015.

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(banded, incl 15 returns), Valmeyer (Monroe Co), 12 Jun (VMK); 65 (banded), Griggsville (Pike Co), 6 Jul (VMK); 50+ (banded), Rock Springs NC (Macon Co), 21 Jul (KHD); 47 (banded), *nw. Jasper*, 30 Jul (VMK). **Other (non-banding) MC:** 52 & 26 (yard feeders), Pomona, 20 & 1 Jul resp (RSR); 14 & 8, *Edwards*, 4 Jul & 13 Jun resp (RES); 12, Pleasant Plains (Sangamon Co), 20 Jul (MMn); 8, Silver Crk Pr (St. Clair Co), 1 Jun (KH); 7, Grand Tower (Jackson Co), 26 Jun (CAT); 7, Weldon Springs SP (DeWitt Co), 27 Jun (JMI); 6 & 4 (2 pr), Rckfd, 27 Jul & 23 Jun (DTW); 6, Dudleyville_, 12 Jun (DMK); 6, Twigg Twp (Hamilton Co), 23-24 Jun (SDB); 5, Union Hill Rd, Carbondale (Jackson Co), 7 Jul (JT); 5, Section 8, 11 Jun (SDB); 4, Grant Wds FP (Lake Co), 5 Jul (CS); 4, Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co), 9 & 31 Jul (PC); 4, McDowellGr, 24 Jun (PAM); 4, Knoles Rd (Menard Co), 1 Jun – 23 Jul (MMn); 4, Petersburg (Menard Co), 21 Jun (MMn); 4, Bremer WS (Montgomery Co), 6 Jun (NR); 4, CarlL-C, 18 Jun (DMK); 4, Salt Lick Point LWR (Monroe Co), 25 Jul (NC); 4, Oakdale (Washington Co), 24 Jul (SSE); 4, TOT, 29 Jun (DDM); 4, CRSNA, 18 Jun (BLE). Numerous records statewide in Jun/Jul of 1-2 birds.

King Rail

MC: 4 (2 pr) & 3, PRSNA-J, 1 & 7 Jun resp (CLH:ph, RES). **Others:** Springbrk, 17 Jun (JAS); KilldeerWet, 27 Jun & 3 Jul (WJM & AFS, JIN resp); Subat FP (Kendall Co), 5 Jun (AFS); BaileyWet, 4 Jun (CLH).

Virginia Rail

Breeding: PaulDouglas (ad w/4-5 downy black chicks), 12 Aug (PDr). **MC:** 5, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 8 & 16 Jul (JSt & WM resp); 5, RollinsSav, 18 Jul (BJS); 5 & 4, MidSav, 7, 16 Jun & 15 Jul resp (SDB). **Others:** Garden PrairieSl (Boone Co) (2), 19 Jun (SDB); GooseL CA (McHenry Co), 10 Jul (DTW, PD); IBSP (So. Unit) (2), 19 Jun (JLs); Grayslake High School marsh (Lake Co), 31 May (SDB); Wilkinson-RenwickM FP (DeKalb Co), 1 Jun (LH); Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (2), 22 Jun (SDB); Springbrk (2), 17 Jun (JAS); Spring Creek Valley Headwaters FP (Cook Co) (2), 12 Jun (WP); PaulDouglas (2), 6 Jun (TL); KilldeerWet, 9 Jun (WJM); Wolf Rd Pra NP (Cook Co), 1 Jun (SDB); Montrose, 22 Jun - 1 Jul (LGM, FRM & FRM, DKA et al.); LCal (PowderhornL FP) (2), 10 Jun (WJM); Subat FP (Kendall Co) (1-2), 5 – 14 Jun (AFS, LM, PAM); Messenger Wds FP (Will Co) (2), 27 May (SDB); Black Walnut Crk Headwaters FP (Will Co) (1-2), 31 Jul – 1 Aug (SZ); HennepinL (2), 16 Jun (JBK); WhispWil, 8 Jul (JBH); Caveness Rd near UCSFWA (Union Co), 31 Jul (JT); ECapeGir (rice fields), 26 Jul (DDM:ph). Many other reports of single birds, all in the Greater Chicagoland area.

Sora

Breeding: Air Station Prairie, Glenview (Cook Co) (juv), 8 Jul (JLd); Chatham Twp (Sangamon Co) (apparently bred, w/1 calling juv, 11 Jul & calling ads, 19 & 25 Jul (HDB); Sangchris (apparently bred, w/ 1-3 calling & seen, 15 – 28 Jul; 1st nesting since 1994) (HDB); Humboldt Twp (Coles Co) (nest w/9 eggs found in ag field drainage ditch!), 12 & 14 Jul & (ad w/3 chicks), 29 Jul (TDF). **MC:** 9, Smith Lk Rd (nw. Scott Co) (in flooded corn stubble & weedy fields), 27 Jul (KAM); 6 & 5, WhispWil, 29 & 9 Jul resp (JBH); 4, Mayfield Twp, private Wet (DeKalb Co), 29 Jul (PAM, LA); 4, Sauer FPK, 26 Jul (PAM); 4, McGinnis, 26 Jul (MMC); 4, ECapeGir (rice fields), 26 Jul (DDM:ph). However, **14** seen & heard here, 6 Aug (DDM); 3, GooseL CA (McHenry Co), 6 & 10 Jul (JLd & DTW resp); 3, PGM, 4 Jun (WL); 3, Sugar Grove Sports Complex (Kane Co), 23 Jul (PAM, LA); 3, Springbrk, 5 Jun (JAS); 3, GLPSNA, 9 Jul (MGr); 3, Emiquon, 30 Jul (DDM). **Others:** Garden PrairieSl (Boone Co) (2), 19 Jun (SDB); GooseL CA

(McHenry Co) (3 calling), 10 Jul (DTW, PD); MidSav (2 & 1), 15 Jul & 16 Jun (SDB); AmboyM (2), 4 Jul (SH); Richardson Wildlife Foundation (Lee Co), 3 Jul (SH); KilldeerWet (2), 16 Jun (WJM); LCal (HegewischM) (2 ad), 6 Jun (WJM); Waltham Twp (tiny prairie pothole remnant) (LaSalle Co), 27 Jun (DJS); Messenger Wds FP (Will Co), 27 May (SDB); El Paso Twp (Woodford Co) (bird in large, open ag field rain fluddles), 22 Jul (TH). Fall migrant??; Spfld (Centennial Pk), 29 Jul (CL); Midway Rd fluddle (Morgan Co), 22 Jul (CD); SandL, Havana (Mason Co) (2), 25 Jul (DH); ShelbyvilleL, Bruce WMA (Moultrie Co), 25 Jul (TAM); OakwoodBot, 3 Jul (DTW); Caveness Rd near UCSFWA (Union Co), 25-26 Jul (JT, DDM).

Common Gallinule

Breeding: GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (ad w/6 downy yg), 8 Jul (RJ:ph); LCal (Indian RidgeM) (dead bird in nearby rd), 13 Jun (DKA:ph); HennepinL (pr cop), 14 Jun (SDB:ph, SLD), & (2 broods of 3 small, downy chicks, ad w/brood & pr w/brood), 6 Jul (DFS); Emiquon (ad on nest & 2 other ad), 12 Jun (DTW, PD); Emiquon (7 nests found in marsh bird research project), season (fide AG). **MC:** 33, HennepinL (call-playback survey by canoe), 14 Jun (SDB, SLD); 6, Emiquon, 26 Jun (SDB); 3, HarrissL, Pinckneyville (Perry Co), 3 Jun (SDB, JS). **Others:** NygrenWet, 14 – 23 Jun (DTW, PD); Garden PrairieSl (Boone Co), 23 & 26 Jun (DTW & AFS resp); GlacialPk, 1 Jul (JA); Pleasant Valley CA (McHenry Co), 21 & 23 Jun (RBe & JA resp); RedwingSl, 10 Jun & 18 Jul (BJS); Pratt'sWW, 10 & 16 Jun (PAM); PGM (pr), 17 Jun (PAM).

American Coot

Breeding: CONWR (ad on nest), 23 Jun (WW). **MC:** 30, Emiquon, 9 Jul (AG); 11, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 23 Jul (JW), but 1-3 there 1 Jun – 1 Aug (JW, MM et al.); 10, KillarneyL, Oakwood Hills (McHenry Co), 2 Jul (JPn); 9, HennepinL, 13 Jun (JAS); 7, Greenview Wet, Partridge Twp (Woodford Co), 4 Jun (TH); 5, Meredosia (4-Corners) (Morgan Co), 11 Jul (CD); 4, NelsonL, 26 Jun (SAC); 4, PGM, 22 Jun (SDB). **Others:** GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (ad), 11 Jul (WJM, JSA, JRS et al.); IBSP, 27 Jul (JSt); PaulDouglas (2), 3 Jun & 30 Jun – 15 Jul (AFS & SS et al.); LCal (HegewischM & Eggers Grove FP) (ad), 6 Jun & 4 Jul resp (WJM); HiddenL FP (DuPage Co) (2), 28 Jun (SL); BeardstownM (Cass Co), 5 Jul (NRG, APS); LSpfld (3), 1 Jun (HDB), w/2 there thru 17 Jun (CL); Sangchris (variant ad w/yellowish bill & very small chestnut shield patch), 30 Jun (HDB:ph); Rock Springs CA



*King Rail. Prairie Ridge State
Natural Area. Jasper County.
1 June 2015.
Photo by Leroy Harrison.*

Killdeer doing broken wing distraction display near nest site. Montrose, Chicago. Cook County. 13 May 2015. Photo by Steve Spitzer.



(Macon Co) (2), 2 Jun (AS); HL (3), 4-9 Jun (DMK, CK); CarlL-C (2), 7 Jun (DMK); BaileyWet (2), 6 Jul (CLH); HarrisL, Pinckneyville (Perry Co) (2), 3 Jun (SDB, JS).

Sandhill Crane

Breeding: Rockton Twp (Winnebago Co) (pr w/colt), 25 Jun (DTW); NiemenM Pr (Winnebago Co) (pr w/2 colts), 20 May (DTW, EES); NygrenWet (incubating ad; 2 colts hatched later but disappeared), 24 May (DTW); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (pr w/colt), 13 Jun – 17 Jul (RAB:ph); Seavey Rd fluddle (Kane Co) (2 family groups, each w/ one colt), 5 Jul (SAC, BLe); L&D 13 (pr w/2 small, downy colts & pr w/2 well-grown colts), 16 Jun & 31 Jul (SW:ph); AmboyM (pr w/2 colts), season (CKM et al.); West Chicago Pra FP (DuPage Co) (pr w/ very yg colt), 3 Jun (MB); Crabtree NC, Barrington Hills (Cook Co) (pr w/2 colts), 1 Jul (SB); Utica Twp near StarvedRock L&D (LaSalle Co) (pr w/small colt), 3 Jul (SW:ph). **MC:** 19 & 11, Volo (Lake Co) (all together in corn stubble field, same field both dates), 9 & 11 Jun (PBA); 13, MoraineHills, 6 Jun (KML); 11, GlacialPk, 6 Jul (JLd); 10, PerryFarm (flock flying north), 14 Jun (JBH); 8, Ethel's Wds FP (Lake Co), 14 Jun (JLd); 7, Rockton Twp (Winnebago Co), 9 Jun (SDB); 6, GooseL CA (McHenry Co), 19 Jul (LRe); 6, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 6 Jun (AFS); 6, NelsonL, 5 Jul (JW); 5, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 11 Jul (JW); 5, Spring Creek Valley FP (Cook Co), 19 Jun (DFS). **Others:** UMRNWR (SloanM), 13 Jun (EB); Shirland (Winnebago Co) (pr), 4 & 19 Jun (DTW & BCW); Pecatonia (Winnebago Co) (2), 17 Jun (DTW); KishwaukeeR, Belvidere Twp (Boone Co) (2), 14 Jun (HA); North Branch CA (McHenry Co) (4), 9 Jul (AP); Pleasant Valley CA (McHenry Co) (3), 9 Jul (JA); COLSP (4), 6 Jun (BJS); VoloBog (3), 24 Jul (RBe); RollinsSav (3), 4 Jun (BJS); MidSav (dead ad hit by train), 7 Jun (SDB**); L&D 13 (Whiteside Co) (3), 16 Jul (JCI); Nachusa (4), 21 Jun (JBi); St. Charles (Kane Co) (4), 6 Jun (GP); Richardson Wildlife Foundation (Lee Co) (9 breeding prs), season (fide CKM); Fermi (2), 22 Jun (GP, KW); AmboyM (2), 4 Jul (SH); Pratt'sSWW, 8 Jun (PAM); US 20 in Bartlett (Cook Co) (pr), 22 Jun (SDB); HennepinL, 14 Jun

(VS); GLPSNA (3), 27 Jun (MM, SC); Midewin (2), 20 Jun (RBe et al.); Wauponsee Trl (Will Co) (2), 3 Jul (TH, DH); StarvedRock (3), 10 Jun (PG:ph); Greenview Wet, Partridge Twp (Woodford Co) (3), 4 Jun (TH); SangamonR, Brown Twp (Champaign Co), 1 Aug (TJs); Heron CP (Vermilion Co) (pr), 19 Jul (NS). Numerous other reports throughout the season of 1-2 birds from other areas in McHenry, Lake & Kane counties.

Whooping Crane

NBSO: Avoca Twp, near VermilionR (Livingston Co), 22 Jul (fide SDB). An unusual summer movement of one of the reintroduced Eastern

migratory flock, moving from Wisconsin into Illinois for ~ 2 weeks, then returning to Wisconsin.

Black-necked Stilt

Breeding: Kankakee (ad w/one lg yg), 12 Aug (RAM); Emiquon (5 nests found in marsh bird research project), season (fide AG); Chatham Twp (Sangamon Co) (pr w/♂ on nest), 15 Jun (CL:ph, HDB), but nest failed, w/♂ last seen, 21 Jun. 4th Sangamon nest attempt.; Humboldt Twp fluddle (Coles Co) (pr w/4 small chicks), 22 Jul - 1 Aug (TDF:ph, RBy:ph, DU), but 1 noted here, 12-15 Jul (RBy:ph). Also attempted to nest here in 2013. **MC:** 70, Central Bend Rd (Alexander Co), 28 Jul (DDM); 38, ECapeGir, 31 Jul (JT); 24, near Raddle (Jackson Co), 2 Jul (DDM); 16, Caveness Rd near UCSFWA (Union Co), 10 Jul (JT); 12, US Rt. 136, Allen Grove Twp fluddle (Mason Co), 28 Jul (TH); 10, Curless Rd & US Rt. 136 (Fulton Co), 5 Jul (CD); 8, WhispWil ("likely breeding"), 28 Jun & 21 Jul (JBH); 8, Emiquon, 17 Jun (ASA, JL); 7 & 3, KaskaskiaI (Randolph Co), 23 Jul & 11 Jun resp (DR:ph); 6, Chatham Twp (Sangamon Co), 1 Jul (CL); 6, Ellery (Edwards Co) (flooded field), 18 Jul (CLH, RES). **Others:** Near L&D 17, MissR, New Boston Twp (Mercer Co), 26 Jun (DFS); Panola Twp (Woodford Co) (3), 30 Jul (TH); US Rt. 136, Allen Grove Twp fluddle (Mason Co) (2), 4 Jul (PHF); US Rt. 136 fluddle, ~2 miles w. of Emden (Logan Co) (pr), 5 Jul (NRG, APS). Only ~10 miles east & 1 day later than preceding record, same birds?; Midway Rd fluddle (Morgan Co) (1 & 3), 20 & 25 Jul (CD); Meredosia (4 corners), 11 Jul (CD); SmithL fluddle (Stark Co) (2), 25 Jul (CD); LSpfld (Cinder Flats) (♂ & ♀), 4 Jun (HDB); Oakwood Twp (Vermilion Co), 2 Jul (ES:ph); FarinaWet (pr), 22 Jun (SDB); Pontoon Beach (Madison Co) (2), 28 Jun (KAM); CarlL-C, 7 Jun (DMK); BaileyWet (4), 24-30 Jul, but 2 there 14-17 Jun (CLH); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (4), 27-29 Jun (JM, KAM); OakwoodBot (4), 1 Jun (JT); MermetL floodplain (pr w/♀ color-banded), 2 Jul (KAM).

Semipalmated Plover

LD: 5 Jun (5), BaileyWet (CLH).

Piping Plover

Breeding: First nesting attempt since 2009 and 2nd since 1979. A banded ♂ was 1st noted in company w/ another ad on 1-9 Jun, w/banded ♂ lingering thru 1 Jul @ IBSP (So. Unit) (AFS, DRD, BS et al.). A 2nd, breeding pr noted @ LMich beach just s. of IBSP (So. Unit), w/one incubating on nest, 9 Jun (BS, DRD), & ♀ incubating 4 eggs on nest within anti-predator cage, 16 Jul (BS, DRD), w/2 eggs hatching 18 Jul & another 19 Jul, w/coyote attacking & severely injuring incubating ♂ on night or morning of 17/18 Jul (BS), & ♀ w/4, ~ 10 day old chicks, 28 Jul (BS,

Sandhill Crane adults with young. Dee Bennett Road, Utica. LaSalle County. 3 July 2015. Photo by Sue Wren.



DRD). This nesting site was only ~ 20 yards from the 2009 attempted breeding site. **Other:** Sullivan Twp fluddle (Livingston Co), 17-19 Jul (DBJ, TH, BM:ph, JAS et al.).

Killdeer

Breeding: S. Beloit (Winnebago Co) (pr w/3 chicks), 24 May (DTW); Rckfd Apt (pr w/4 chicks), 20 May (DTW, EES); McHenry (McHenry Co) (9 ad & 3 chicks), 10 Jul (DTW, PD); WinthropH (nests w/4 & 3 yg fledged), 13 & 15 May resp (EWW) & (6 ad & 2 small yg), 19 Jul (AFS); IBSP (So. Unit) (6 ad & 7 yg of 2 ages), 1 Jun (AFS); CBG (ad near nest w/3 eggs), 15 Jun (BN); GreeneVal (nest w/4 eggs), 20 & 27 Jun (GP & UWG resp); Montrose (nest w/4 eggs), 2 May (WSS:ph); Montrose (nest w/4 eggs), 3 & 13 Jun & (2 chicks & 2 eggs), 19 Jun (LGM); Chi (Humboldt Pk) (ad w/3 chicks), 17 Jul (SBB); Chi (87th St stell mills) (4 yg), 23 Jun (AGI fide EDG); JP (4 ad & brood of 3 medium/lg yg), 19 Jun (PRC); Sang (a few yg noted), May (HDB); Pyramid SP (Denmark Unit) (recently hatched yg), 3 Jul (MT). **MC:** 945, 2 fluddles along Central Bend Rd (Alexander Co), 28 Jul (WDR); 365, Six ag fluddles, near Jacksonville (Morgan Co), 22 Jul (CD); 300 & 30, CarlL-C, 27 Jul & 7 Jun resp (DMK); 300, Dogtoothl (Alexander Co), 29 Jul (KAM); 185, three *Scott* fluddles, 25 Jul (CD); 150, two Cooperstown Twp ag fluddles (Brown Co), 25 Jul (CD); 130, Shabbona Twp (DeKalb Co), 12 Jul (TW); 105, Humboldt Twp fluddle (Coles Co), 27 Jul (RBy); 96, WhispWil, 24 Jul (JBH); 91, Urbana fluddle, 22 Jul (DS); 88, Wood Dale Res (DuPage Co), 31 Jul (AFS); 80 & 33, Sang, 11 Jul & 17 Jun resp (HDB); 70, *Greene* ag fluddle, 25 Jul (CD); 65, GreeneVal, 21 Jul (DK); 65, Sullivan Twp (Livingston Co), 19 Jul (TW); 65, Monticello_, 22 Jun (MPW); 63, Greenview sod farm (Woodford Co), 28 Jul (TH); 58, Sugar Grove (Kane Co), 22 Jul (PAM); 52, Wilmington Twp fluddle, 23 Jul (DK); 41, Atkinson_, 26 Jun (DFS); 30, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DMK); 28, Jamestown_, 4 Jun (DMK); 27, Moline (Rock Island Co), 4 Jul (TJn); 25, Troy Grove_, 20 Jun (JAS).

Upland Sandpiper

MC: 4 (2 pr w/2♂♂ in small cow pasture where at least one pr has nested for many years), Florence Twp (Stephenson Co), 17-18 Jun (SDB); 3, Buda_, 18 Jun (JWW); 3, Monticello_, 22 Jun (MPW); 3 & 2, Pella Twp (Ford Co), 26 & 19 Jul resp (GS:ph). **Others:** Atkinson_, 26 Jun (DFS); Clarion Twp (Bureau Co), 14 & 20 Jun (JAS); Westfield Twp, 20 Jun (JAS); Pontiac_(s. LaSalle Co), 19 Jun (VMK); Metamora Twp (Woodford Co) (♂♂), 12 & 18 Jul (DHH & PBF resp); MomenceWet, 6 Jun (DRD); Beaverville Twp (Iroquois Co) (2 & 1 & 1), 2 & 6 Jun & 5 Jul (CAT, GAW & GAW, IOS & NJT resp); Stillwell_, 5 Jun (VMK); Double T SFWA (Fulton Co) (2), 1 Jun (SL); Waynesville_, 29 Jun (VMK).

Dunlin

LD: 2 Jun (2), BaileyWet (CLH).

Short-billed Dowitcher

LD: 2 Jun (2), BaileyWet (CLH).

Wilson's Snipe

Boone Crk CA (McHenry Co), 23 Jun (SMn); Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (actions indicate possible breeding), 6 Jun (AFS); IBSP (apparent territory), 30 Mar – 21 May+ (EWW); Lyons Wds FP (winnowing over sedge meadow & prairie), 6 Jun (BJS); Air



Spotted Sandpiper. Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve. Lake County. 3 July 2015. Photo by Phil Hauck.

Station Pra, Glenview (Cook Co) (seen on several dates on ground. Likely breeding), 5 Jun – 27 Jul (SC, JLD, et al.); KilldeerWet, 20-22 Jun (WJM et al.); PRSNA-M, 23 Jun (CLH).

American Woodcock

Breeding: Spfld (Carpenter Pk) (ad w/3 downy yg), 26 Apr (HDB). **MC:** 3, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 13 & 19 Jun & 17 Jul (JW); 3, McDowellGr, 3 Jul (PAM).

Spotted Sandpiper

Breeding: NPM (2, ½ grown yg w/downy feathers), 30 Jul (AFS); Wauk (ad on nest), 1 Jun (CS); Fermi (pr w/3 small chicks), 24 Jun (MN); Argonne Lab (DuPage Co) (ad on nest), 19 Jun (VS); CBG (pr w/3 juv), 13 Jun (ABA); Bluff Spring Fen NP (Cook Co) (fledglings), 20 Jun (MMg); Air Station Pra, Glenview (Cook Co) (ad giving distraction display), 16 Jun (SC); Montrose (nest w/4 eggs & 3 small yg & 1 larger juv), 8 Jul & 26 Jun resp (DKA:ph); LCal (Burnham Prairie) (ad flushed from nest w/4 eggs), 1 Jun (WJM); JP (ad flushed from nest w/4 eggs in dune grasses), 17 Jun (PRC); NormantownWet (Will Co) (ad w/3 juv), 27 Jun (DK:ph); LSpfld (Cinder Flats) (3 pr nested w/4, 4 & 3 yg, but few yg survived), 7 Jun (HDB). **MC:** 28 (24 @ 63rd St beach) & 15 (14 @ 63rd St beach), JP, 29 & 19 Jun resp (PRC); 18, Chi (87th St steel mills), 14 Jul (AG, EDG); 17, NelsonL, 19 Jul (PAM); 15, American WayM (Lake Co), 5 Jul (BJS); 15, Burlington fluddle (Kane Co), 25 Jul (BLe); 15 (many juvs), Fox River Shores FP (Kane Co), 5 Jul (WL); 15, Montrose, 3 Jun (LGM); 13, *Morgan*, 22 Jul (CD); 12 & 10, Wauk, 18 Jul & 1 Jun resp (AFS); 11, IBSP (So. Unit), 18 Jul (AFS); 11, Minonk Twp (Woodford Co), 19 Jul (TW); 10 (many juvs) & 6,

Brunner Family FP (Kane Co), 5 Jul & 23 Jun (WL & PR resp); 10, LSpfld (Cinder Flats), 11 Jun (HDB); 8, LCal (Indian RidgeM), 2 Jun (LM); 8, CarlL-C, 27 Jul (DMK); 7, GreeneVal, 16 Jul (DK); 7, Dunlap WTP (Peoria Co), 19 Jul (EMC); 7, Gridley WTP (Livingston Co), 19 Jul (TW); 6, Pratt'sWW, 9 Jun (PAM); 6, Techny Basin CA (Cook Co), 1 Jul (JLD). **Others:** Florence Twp (Stephenson Co) (breeding bird), 17 Jun (SDB); Raccoon Crk, Rockton Twp (Winnebago Co) (4 ad @ 3 locations), 9 Jun (SDB); PecatonicaR Wet (Winnebago Co) (breeding bird), 9 Jun (SDB); MidSav (2 locations), 7 & 16 Jun (SDB); Elgin Shores FP (Kane Co) (breeding bird), 22 Jun (SDB); Hume Twp (Whiteside Co) (breeding bird), 2 Jul (SDB); WhispWil (pr likely breeding), 25 Jun (JBH).

Long-tailed Jaeger

NBSO: HL (alt plum), 12-19 Jul (FRH:ph, DMK:ph, KAM:ph, CLH:ph, JM:ph, DH:ph m.ob.:ph). This is the 1st record for this species in Illinois of an adult bird in alternate (breeding) plumage. Of the 11 or 12 birds of this species reported in Illinois, one is a specimen,



Long-tailed Jaeger in flight. Horseshoe Lake. Madison County. 17 July 2015. Photo by Leroy Harrison.



Long-tailed Jaeger. First adult record for the state. Horseshoe Lake. Madison County. 19 July 2015. Photo by Douglas Hommert.



Cliff Swallow at nest. Emiquon Preserve. Fulton County. 25 June 2015.

Photo by Steven D. Bailey.



Pine Siskin feeding young at feeder. Wheaton. DuPage County. 29 May 2015.

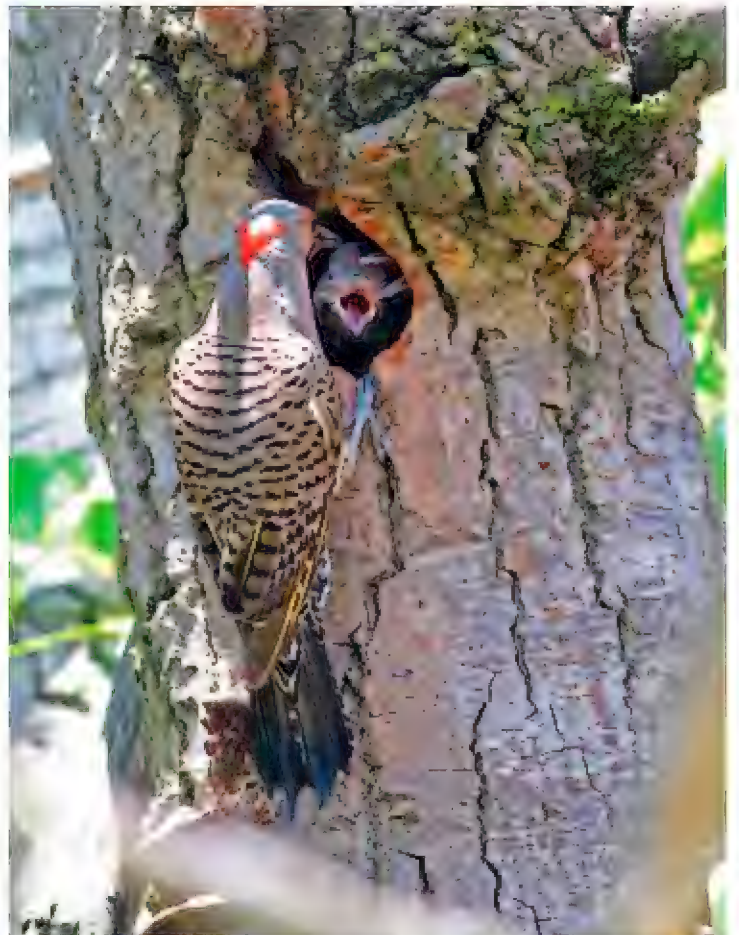
Photo by Vince Moxon.

Photo Gallery: Breeding Success



Northern Flicker at nest with young. Montrose, Chicago. Cook County. 13 July 2015.

Photo by Fran Morel.



Barn Owl young. Edwards County. 29 June 2015.

Photo by Bob Shelby.

Black-necked Stilt family. Note two adults and four downy young. Three Killdeer are also in the photo. Coles County. 31 July 2015.

Photo by Ron Bradley.





Baltimore Oriole nest
at Illinois Beach State
Park North Unit. Lake
County. 13 June 2016.
Photo by Richard Bisbee.



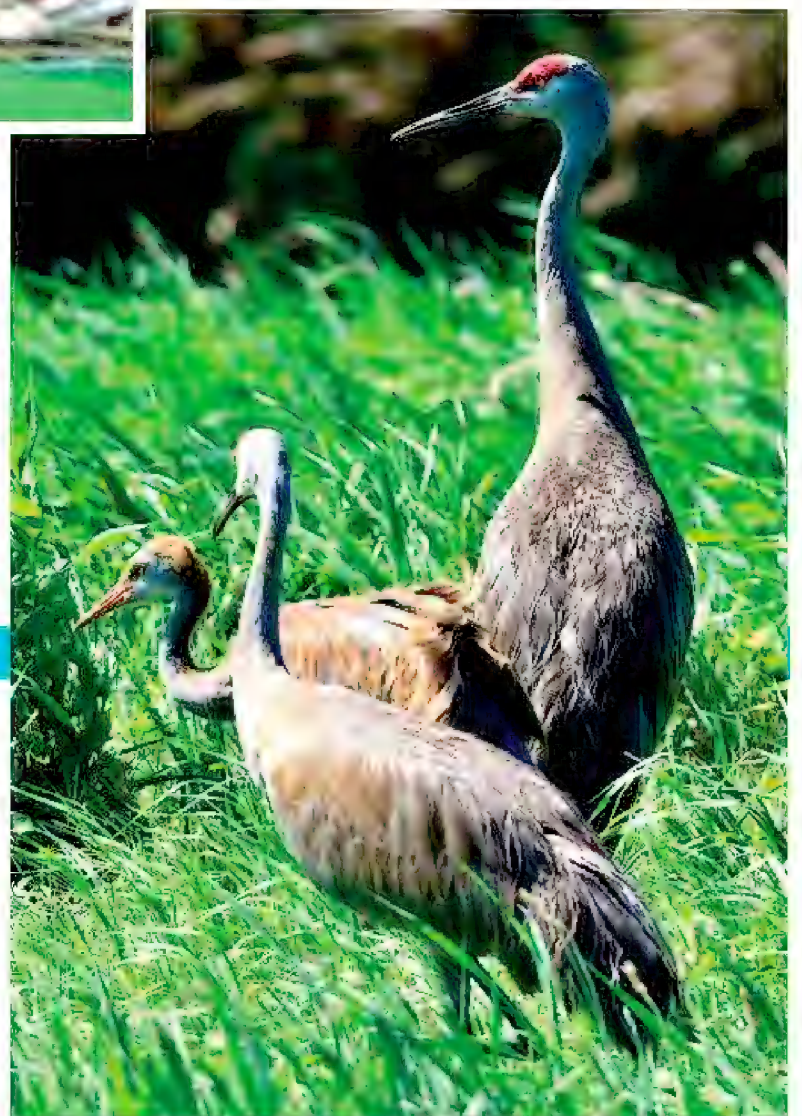
Pileated Woodpecker
adults at nest hole with
young. Georgetown.
Vermilion County.
24 May 2015.
Photo by Marilyn Campbell.



Dickcissel nest.
Shannon Township.
Carroll County.
18 June 2015.
Photo by Steven D. Bailey.



Common Gallinule
copulating.
Dixon Waterfowl
Wildlife Refuge.
Putnam County.
14 June 2015
*Photo by
Steven D. Bailey.*



Sandhill Crane
young with two
adults. Lock and
Dam No. 13.
Whiteside County.
31 July 2015.
*Photo by
Susan Wren.*

*Common Loon.
Newton Lake. Jasper
County. 18 June 2015.
Photo by Leroy Harrison.*



2/3 were not aged, though 2 were apparently photographed & 7 have been accepted by IORC. Illinois's earliest record (see Bohlen 1989), should likely be disregarded due to lack of virtually any details. The 9 that were aged and are either a specimen or exceptably documented were juvenile birds seen between 24 Aug – Nov, with most seen between early Sept – early Oct. So this is also the earliest detected Long-tailed Jaeger, as well as the 1st to be found in the summer season.

Bonaparte's Gull

NBSO: Wauk, 21 Jul (AWS); CONWR, 7 Jul (AW).

Laughing Gull

NBSO: LSpfld (ad), 28 Jun (HDB:ph); CarlL-C (ad), 23 & 27 Jul (DMK:ph).

Ring-billed Gull

Breeding: Wauk (nest atop dirt hill), 15 May (EWW); PelicanI, MissR (Carroll Co) (1300 ads w/10 nests & 400 yg), 26 Jun (SJD). **MC:** 900, CarlL-C, 23 Jul (from only 1 & 42 birds on 5 & 18 Jun resp) (DMK); 553 & 403 & 309 & 252, Montrose, 2 Jul & 23 & 15 & 1 Jun resp (GAW); 450, Chi (MonroeH), 23 Jul (DFS); 250 & 220, NPM, 1 Jun & 23 Jul resp (AFS); 250, Chi (87th St steel mills), 3 Jun & 30 Jul (EDG, AGI & AGI resp); 805 & 235, JP, 6 Jul & 20 Jun resp (PRC); 220 & 5, WhispWil, 25 & 5 Jun resp (JBH); 459 & 44, LSpfld, 12 Jul & 21 Jun (CL & HDB resp) & 1st HY, 7 Jul, w/higher winter & spring #s dropping to summer resident #s by 24 May (HDB); 175 Greenview sod farm (Woodford Co), 10 Jul (TH); 156 & 10, RendL-F, 29 Jul & 25 Jun (KAM & JT resp); 158 & 150, Wauk, 23 Jul & 17 Jun (PWS & AFS resp); 225 & 140, IBSP (So. Unit), 18 Jul & 26 Jun (AFS & JSt resp); 110, LighthouseB, Evanston (Cook Co), 13 Jun (DK). **Others:** LostMound (4), 21 Jun (JBi); MissR, L&D 13 (Whiteside Co) (50 & 10), 21 Jul & 6 Jun (EB & BLe resp); HennepinL (42 & 15 & 1), 6 & 1 Jul & 4 Jun (DFS & DKA & PB resp); StarvedRock (20), 31 Jul (JG); BraidwoodL (1-2), 2 - 22 Jun (JBH); Momence, KankakeeR (Kankakee Co), 6 Jun (GAW, DTW et al.); WhispWil (74 [of 92 birds] & 24 & 1 @ 1st cycle), 6 & 3 Jul & 27 Jun resp (JBH); Peoria, IllinoisR (Peoria Co) (20), 6 Jun (EMC); Emiquon (4), 1 Jun (JV); ClintonL (Mascoutin SRA) (2), 12 Jul (EW); Urbana, 5 Jun (RD); LSpfld (pink bird [astaxanthin carotenoid induced feather pigment change] which has been present for some time), 24 Jul (CL); Shelbyville SFWA, Bruce WMA (Moultrie Co) (26), 30 Jul (CL); NewtonL (Jasper Co), 18 Jun (CLH); Edwards, 19 Jun (RES); HL (2), 12 Jul (FRH); CONWR (75), 28 Jul (WW).

CALIFORNIA GULL

NBSO: LSpfld (2nd), 2 Jun (HDB:ph).

Herring Gull

Breeding: Wauk (149 nests atop 8 building roofs), 15 May (EWW). **MC:** 450, NPM, 1 Jun (PWS); 185, Wauk, 2 Jul (AWS); 43, IBSP (So. Unit), 6 Jun (AFS); 30 & 20, Chi (87th St steel mills), 30 Jul & 3 Jun (EDG, AG). **Others:** Woodruff'sI, MissR (Carroll Co) (ad), 26 Jun (SJD); Ft. Sheridan FP (Lake Co) (8), 22 Jul (AWS); Montrose (6), 17 Jun & 12 Jul (LGM & AFS resp); LCal (10), 28 Jul (ASA); JP (6), 29 Jun (PRC); WhispWil (ad), 23 Jun (JBH); EastPort Marina, East Peoria (Tazewell Co) (3), 25 Jul (PHF); LSpfld (imm), 1, 18 & 19 Jun (HDB); CarlL-C (3rd), 23 Jul (DMK:ph).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

NBSO: LMich (2 miles east of Hyde Park, Cook Co) (ad resting on buoy), 24 Jun (DSw).

Great Black-backed Gull

NBSO: Chi (87th St steel mills) (1st cycle), 9-27 Jul (EDG, AG).

Least Tern

MC: 118, Central Bend Rd (s. Alexander Co) (flying & in flooded ag fields and mudflats), 28-29 Jul (DDM, KAM); 10, Grand Tower (Jackson Co), 2 Jul (DTW, PD); 3, CarlL-F, 14 Jun (DMK). **Others:** WhispWil (alt plum), 6 Jul (JBH); LSpfld (ad w/COTEs), 17 Jun (HDB); Pontoon Beach (Madison Co) (4), 28 Jun (KAM); CarlL-C, 7 Jun (DMK); BaileyWet, 30 Jul (CLH); Boogerville (Wayne Co) (2), 14 Jul (CLH); Ellery (Edwards Co), 15 Jul (RES:ph, CLH); Mt.

Carmel (Wabash Co), 24 Jun (CLH); AMAX, 16 Jun (CLH); Grayville (White Co), 16 Jun (CLH, RES); MissR (nw. Union Co) (2), 19 Jun (KAM); MissR Levee Rd, nw. of Reynoldsville (Union Co), 6 Jul (DDM).

Caspian Tern

MC: 81 & 18, LSpfld, 27 Jul & 25 Jun resp, w/some seen all Jun & every day in Jul. 1st HY, 15 Jul (HDB); 75 & 40, CarlL-C, 27 & 18 Jul resp (w/1-2 birds 5 - 26 Jun) (DMK); 48, Evanston, LMich (5 locations, Cook Co), 12 Jun (RD); 37 & 21, Baker'sL (Cook Co), 19 Jul & 13 Jun (TL & GAW resp); 36 & 17, Montrose, 2 Jul & 8 Jun (GAW); 30 & 5, Emiquon, 17 Jul & 10 Jun (MI & DH resp); 26, McDowellGr, 24 Jul (PAM); 26, RendL-F, 27 Jun (CAT); 24 (18 ad, 6 juv), Wood Dale Res (DuPage Co), 27 Jul (AFS); 21 & 5, DPCA, 31 Jul & 7 Jun resp (JLc); 20, Chi (Olive Pk), 4 Jun (LWs); 19 & 16, IBSP (So. Unit), 21 & 3 Jun (AJ & Jld resp); 27 & 7, CBG, 28 Jul & 21 Jun (AFS & HS resp); 18, GreeneVal, 26 Jul (PC); 17, RenwickL (Will Co), 11 Jul (DFS); 16, LCal, 9 Jun (TW). **Others:** Johnsborg Walmart ponds (McHenry Co) (14), 10 Jul (DTW); NelsonL (11), 19 Jul (PAM); Fermi (12 & 5), 9 Jul & 24 Jun (PAM & DSa resp); HiddenL FP (DuPage Co) (8), 1 Jun (PAM); JP (11), 10 Jul (PRC); Oswego (Kendall Co) (2), 11 Jun (SJ); BraidwoodL (4 & 3), 22 & 8 & 16 Jun resp (JBH:ph); WhispWil (2), 27 Jun (JBH); HennepinL (3), 16 Jun (JBk); Peoria Riverplex (Peoria Co), 6 Jun (EMC); Greenview sod farm (Woodford Co) (2), 21 Jul (TH); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (2), 27 Jun (EW); ShelbyvilleL (Moultrie Co) (10), 10 Jul (AF); CharlestonL (Coles Co) (2), 26 Jun (RBy); HL (9), 16 Jul (CM, JM); NewtonL (Jasper Co) (7; breeding?), 18 Jun (CLH, RES); BaileyWet, 1 Jul (CLH); KLMSNA (2), 27 Jun (CM, JM); CONWR (4 & 2), 29 Jul & 10-12 Jun (WW & JT, DDM, WW resp).

Black Tern

Breeding: GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (several ads going to nest sites w/ food for yg, and pr diving on a nest monitor & family group of 3 juv), 10 - 12 Jul (DTW, WJM, WSS et al.). **MC:** 44 & 19, Emiquon, 20 Jul & 25 Jun resp (MI); 40, Caveness Rd near UCSFWA, 9 Jul (DDM); 23 (mostly ads) & 17, 21 Jun & 19 Jul resp, but 1st birds 17 Jun (7), LSpfld (HDB); 18, CarlL-C, 19 Jul (DMK); 11, GooseL CA (McHenry Co), 10 Jul (DTW, PD). **Others:** ElizabethL NP (McHenry Co) (1-2; known breeding area), 21 & 27 Jun (AFS & DC et al. resp), w/10 there, 2 Jul (PAM, VMn); COLSP (5), 26 Jun (BJS); RedwingSI (8 & 7, & 6; known breeding location), 8 Jul & 10, 26 Jun (DRD & BJS resp); PGM (8), 17 Jun (PAM); HennepinL (4), 14 Jun (DFS); Gridley WTP (McLean Co) (7), 29 Jul (DH); Naples Rd fluddle (Scott Co) (2), 25 Jul (CD); HL (6), 19 Jul (FRH); Boogerville (Wayne Co) (2 ad over flooded field), 9 Jul (CLH); Jacob (Jackson Co) (ad & imm), 9 Jul (DDM). **Note:** ElizabethL NP & GooseL CA (McHenry Co) have been summering/breeding locations for this species for several/many years, and are a couple of the last few breeding locations left in the state.

Common Tern

MC: 12 & 7, Wauk, 17 Jun & 8 Jul (AFS & AWS resp); 10 & 9, LSpfld, 17 & 9 Jun resp, & seen 6 dates thru Jun (HDB). **Others:** IBSP (So. Unit) (6), 21 Jun (AJ); CONWR, 10-11 Jun (WW). **Note:** Only Illinois breeding location along Lk Michigan flooded out this season.



*Some of the 48 American White Pelicans seen at Rock River spillway in Oregon, Ogle County.
3 July 2015. Photo by Steven D. Bailey.*

Forster's Tern

MC: 19 & 6, LSpfld, 30 Jul & 9 Jun resp, & seen 7 dates in Jun (HDB); 17, TwoRivers, 18 Jul (DHh); 12, Emiquon, 17 Jul (MI); 12, SmithL (Scott Co), 25 Jul (CD); 5, BaileyWet, 8 Jul (CLH). **Others:** GlacialPk (2), 20 Jun (SL); HennepinL, 6 Jul (DFS); WhispWil (molting ad), 28 Jun (JBH); LSpfld (2), 22 Jun (CL); LVerm (4), 19 Jul (NS); HL (5), 19 Jul (BR); CarlL-C (3), 7 – 18 Jun (DMK); HL, 16 Jul (CM, JM); NewtonL (Jasper Co) (2; coming or going?), 15 Jun (CLH, RES); RendL, 27 Jun (CAT). **Note:** Most of these birds are non-breeding wanderers or early fall migrants.

Common Loon

NBSO: NewtonL (Jasper Co.) (basic plum), 15-18 Jun (RES, CLH:ph).

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD

NBSO: LincPk (♀), 8 Jul (JIE). Brought by Tropical Storm Bill? Another (or same?) frigatebird seen 9 Jul, also along Lake Michigan at St. Joseph, Michigan.

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT

NBSO: LSpfld (basic ad), 28 – 29 Jun (HDB:ph). This record is the 14th out of the last 30, Jun/Jul seasons (since 1986) where this species has occurred in the state.

Double-crested Cormorant

Breeding Rookery: Woodruff'sI, MissR (Carroll Co) (40 ads w/36 nests & 32 yg), 26 Jun (SJD); AT&T heron rookery, Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (265 birds incl many yg, w/18 nests w/unfledged yg), 24 Jul (ABA); Chi (250 @ 4 Mile Intake Crib & 180 @ Wilson Ave. Crib) (both locations w/many yg in nests), 15 Jun (JIE). **MC:** 4000 (breeding colony), CarlL-C, 2 Jul (DMK); 640, Emiquon, 14 Jun (TW); 521, BakersL NP (Cook Co), 13 Jun (GAW); 500, Chi (87th St steel mills), 8 Jun (EDG, AG); 400, RenwickL (Will Co), 2 Jul (SLe); 340, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 13 Jun (RAB); 300, IBSP (So. Unit), 20 Jul (JLd); 125, COLSP, 25 Jul (BJS); 121, Wauk, 8 Jul (AWS); 103, Montrose, 1 Jun (GAW); 99, HennepinL, 16 Jun (JBk); 85 (most flyovers), MidSav, 15 Jul (SDB); 81, HastingsL FP (Lake Co), 26 Jun (EM); 70, *mv. Scott*, 27 Jul (KAM). **Others:** Florence Twp (Stephenson Co) (one in tiny creek, surrounded by many miles of open ag land), 19 Jun (SDB); PGM (11), 28 Jun (JW); UMRNWR (SpringL) (36), 4 Jun (EB); L&D 13 (50), 16 Jul (JCI); Nachusa, 24 Jun (TJ); Fermi (25), 16 Jul (GP); New Boston Twp (Mercer Co), 26 Jun (DFS); StarvedRock (14 & 10), 22 Jul & 13 Jun (KA & KWr resp); BraidwoodL (14), 16 Jun (JBH); Midewin (11), 27 Jun (SZ); GreenviewWet, Partridge Twp (Woodford Co) (6), 4 Jun (TH); I-55, Pike Twp (Livingston Co), 26 Jul (CL); ClintonL, 5 Jun (EW); Lake of the Wds FP (Champaign Co) (3), 28 Jun (JN); MidFork (3), 11 Jul (NS, CW); CharlestonL (Coles Co) (2), 20 Jun (GT); LSpfld (smaller summering flocks of 33 (Jul) – 65 (Jun), at least partially due to boat harassment) (HDB); ShelbyvilleL (Moultrie Co) (51 @ 5 locations), 25 Jul (TAM); TwoRivers (11), 17 Jun (BS); HL (30), 6 Jun (FRH); EForkL (2), 7 Jul (CLH); NewtonL (Jasper Co), 17 Jun (RES); KLMSNA (41), 27 Jun (CM, JM); Pyramid SP (Denmark Unit, Perry Co) (9), 3 Jul (MT); RendL-F (3), 25 Jun (JT); CONWR (40 & 2), 28 & 21 Jun (WW & JT resp); Carbondale WTP (Jackson Co), 23 Jun (JT); OakwoodBot, 3 Jul (DTW); Neunert (Jackson Co) (25), 4 Jul (JGd);

Big MuddyR Levee Rd (Union Co) (27), 24 Jul (WDR); OhioR @ Cave-In-Rock (Hardin Co) (9), 27 Jul (WDR); ECapeGir (13), 31 Jul (LB); MermetL, 21 Jun (AP).

American White Pelican

Breeding: PelicanL, MissR (Carroll Co) (550 ads w/463 nests & 365 yg), 26 Jun (SJD); Woodruff'sI, MissR (Carroll Co) (200 ads w/33 nests & 175 yg), 26 Jun (SJD). **MC:** 300 StarvedRock, 13 Jun (KWr); 187, NygrenWet, 3 Jul (KP); 150, Ferguson FP (Winnebago Co), 24 Jul (PD fide DTW); 150, Emiquon, 12 & 26 Jun (DTW & SDB resp); 130, TwoRivers, 17 Jun (BS); 125, SmithL (Scott Co), 25 Jul (CD); 115 & 20, LSpfld, 10 Jun & 2 Jul resp, w/1st birds there 5 Jun (3) (HDB); 110, BaldwinL (Randolph Co), 2 Jun (SDB); 100, L&D 13, 16 Jul (JCI); 83, DogtoothI (Alexander Co), 29 Jul (KAM); 81, RockR Spillway, Dixon (Lee Co), 17 Jun (JH); 80, HennepinL, 4 Jun (DKA, DK); 70, CarlL-C, 18 Jun (DMK); 65, *sw. Union*, 28 Jun (KAM); 62, Marshall SFWA (Marshall Co), 4 Jun (DKA); 52, DPCA, 31 JLe); 50 (2 locations), *Jo Daviess*, 17 Jul (EB); 50, Miller City (Alexander Co), 28 Jul (DDM); 48, RockR Spillway, Oregon (Ogle Co), 3 Jul (SDB). **Others:** MissPalis (8), 23 Jun (BD); nw. Rckfd & RockR, Rckfd (29 & 13), 23 Jun (DTW); COLSP (24), 20 Jun (JCN); UMRNWR (36 & 35), 13 Jun & 19 Jul resp (EB); BakersL (Cook Co) (40 & 1), 18 Jun & 26 Jul (JRe & CSF resp); Montrose (5), 21 Jun (JIE); RenwickL (Will Co) (15), 11 Jul (DFS); BraidwoodL (14), 8 Jun (JBH); McKinley Wds FP (Will Co) (2), 25 Jul (JLc); JP (5), 21 Jun (PRC); WhispWil (14), 1 Jul (JBH); Greenview sod farm, Partridge Twp (Woodford Co) (32), 21 Jul (TH); Meredosia (Morgan Co) (20), 27 Jul (KAM); HL (19), 11 Jul (PA, NF); KLMSNA (11), 27 Jun (CM, JM); BaileyWet (7), 7 Jul (CLH); Boogerville (Wayne Co) (5-7), 10-15 Jul (CLH); CONWR (12), 22 Jun (WW).

American Bittern

GlacialPk, 20 Jun (SL); IBSP, 21 Jun (MMC); RollinsSav, 20 Jun (SM); Miller Meadows FP (Cook Co), 20 Jun (JSA); GLPSNA (2), 13 & 27 Jun (CAT & MM et al.), but at least 1 there thru 11 Jul (EW et al.); Midewin, 27 Jun (SZ); Emiquon, 6-13 Jun (BM, PHF, AFS et al.).

Least Bittern

MC: 5, HennepinL (call-playback survey by canoe), 14 Jun (SDB, SLD); 3, PGM, 12 Jul (MM); 3, HarrissL, Pinckneyville (Perry Co), 3 Jun (SDB, JS). **Others:** Garden PrairieSl (Boone Co), 26 Jun (AFS); GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (2), 8 Jul (RJ); MidSav, 16 Jun (SDB); Rochelle (Ogle Co), 28 Jun (DTW); Sauer FPK (2), 26 Jul (PAM); Pratt'sWW (2), 8 Jun (PAM); FabyanM, West Chicago (DuPage Co) (2), 26 Jul (PAM); Chi (Columbus Pk), 11 Jun – 30 Jul (EDG); LCal (Eggers Grove FP) (2), 4 Jun (TB); BannerM – P (2 locations), 27 May & 11 Jun (EMC); Emiquon (2), 1 & 17 Jun (JV & ASA resp); Emiquon (7 nests found in marsh bird research project), season (fide AG); HL (2), 7 Jun (FRH); Bond Twp (Lawrence Co) (2), 12 Jul (CLH); PRSNA-M & PRSNA-J, 2 Jun & 18 Jun resp (CLH); KLMSNA (2), 21 Jun (C&PD); BaileyWet, 1 Jul (CLH); Neunert (Jackson Co), 28 Jul (DDM:ph); Levee Rd, nw. of Reynoldsville (Union Co) (2), 23 Jul (DDM); MermetL (2), 28 Jun (KAM et al.). Recorded in 22 counties throughout the state, with several other encounters of single birds, mostly in NE Illinois.

Great Blue Heron

Breeding Rookery: PaulDouglas (7 ad & 15 yg on nests atop nest platforms), 3 Jun (AFS); AT&T rookery, Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (18 birds & w/4 nests w/at least 1,2,2 & 3 yg still active w/unfledged yg), 24 Jul (ABA); LCal (Whitford Pond) (1st nests), 3 Apr, w/19 active nests by 28 Apr, incl 16 w/incubating ads (WJM); Sang (several nesting colonies, w/ birds going to and from rookery along Horse Creek.), Mar - Apr (HDB). **MC:** 187, Sang, 30 Jun (HDB); 100, RenwickL NP (Will Co), 2 Jul (SLe); 87, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 2 Jul (C&PD); 51, PaulDouglas, 19 Jun (SS); 48, WhispWil, 21 Jul (JBH); 42, AlmondM, 29 Jun (AWS); 42, RendL-F, 25 Jun (JT); 40, AT&T Heron Rookery, Hoffman Estates (Cook Co), 11 Jun (GP, KW); 40, CarlL-C, 18 & 20 Jun, 2 Jul (DMK); 26, FabyanM, West Chicago (DuPage Co), 26 Jul (PAM); 26, *s. Alexander*, 29 Jul (KAM); 25, SmithL (Scott Co), 25 Jul (CD); 22, FoxR FP (Lake Co), 19 Jul (JA); 20, Fermi, 16 Jul (GP); 20, Winfield Mounds FP (DuPage Co), 20 Jun (LY); 20, Heron CP (Vermilion Co), 27 Jun (RSn); 20, ShelbyvilleL (Moultrie Co), 10 Jul (AF); 19, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 14 Jun (RAB); 18, DPCA, 31 Jul (JLc); 17, Bartel, 19 Jul (PL); 17, Mendenhall Pk, Peoria (Peoria Co), 2 Jun (TH); 16, *Edwards*, 14 Jul (RES).

Great Egret

Breeding: Woodruff'sI, MissR (Carroll Co) (30 ads w/27 nests), 26 Jun (SJD); PelicanI, MissR (Carroll Co) (12 ads w/7 nests), 26 Jun (SJD); Baker'sL NP heron rookery (Cook Co) (79 yg on nesting island, most w/some downy plum), 13 Jun (GAW); AT&T heron rookery, Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (160 birds, w/17 nests w/unfledged yg & ads feeding yg), 24 Jul (ABA). **MC:** 349, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 2 Jul (C&PD); 225, Miller City Rd (Alexander Co), 29 Jul (KAM); 217, Baker'sL NP (Cook Co), 13 Jun (GAW); 200, Fountain Bluff Twp (Jackson Co), 4 Jul (JGd); 188, EasterSl (Pulaski Co), 10 Jun (SDB); 170, SmithL (Scott Co), 25 Jul (CD); 160, see above; 159, Clear Crk Levee Rd, McClure (Alexander Co), 28 Jul (WDR); 150+, Boogerville (Wayne Co) (flooded fields), 10 Jul (CLH); 149, KLMSNA, 27 Jun (CM, JM); 100, RenwickL Heron Rookery (Will Co), 2 Jul (SLe); 100, HorseshoeL SFWA (Alexander Co), 7 Jul (JBa); 77, ECapeGir, 28 Jul (WDR); 60, *nw. Scott*, 27 Jul (KAM); 59, Emiquon, 12 Jun (CAT); 110, *Union*, 24 Jul (WDR); 50, *sw. Union*, 27 Jun (KAM); 40, HL, 9 Jun (DMK); 40, CarlL-C, 27 Jul (DMK). **Others:** UMRNWR (17), 13 Jun (EB); Fermi (19), 4 Jul (TW); PaulDouglas (14), 25 Jun (SS); Burnham Pra NP (Cook Co) (15), 1 Jun (WJM); WhalonL FP (Will Co) (45), 31 Jul (JAS); Grant Crk Pra NP (Will Co) (30), 5 Jul (TW); HennepinL (28), 13 Jun (DFS); WhispWil (12), 24 Jul (JBH); Greenview sod farm, Partridge Twp (Woodford Co) (34), 5 Jul (TH); I-57, Gilman (Iroquois Co), 28 Jun (ASA); **Monticello**, 22 Jun (MPW); LSpfld (8), 30 Jun (HDB);

Black-crowned Night-Heron.
Emiquon Preserve. Fulton
County. 26 June 2015.
Photo by Steven D. Bailey.



Little Blue Heron.

Frank Holten State Park.

St. Clair County 19 July 2015.

Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Atlas Twp (Pike Co) (30), TwoRivers (33), 2 Jun (KH); HL (31), 26 Jun (CAT); East Carondelet (St. Clair Co) (22), 1 Jul (KAM); BaileyWet (30+), 2 Jul (CLH); Kaskaskial (Randolph Co) (15), 11 Jun (DR); Bluff Rd (Randolph Co) (26), 15 Jun (JT); HarrissL, Pinckneyville (Perry Co) (6), 3 Jun (SDB, JS); MermetL floodplain (25), 2 Jul (KAM).

Snowy Egret

MC: 30, *Jackson*, 2 Jul (DTW, PD); 8, Central Bend Rd (Alexander Co), 29 Jul (KAM), 5, HL, 6 & 21 Jun (FRH); 5, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 27 Jun & 2 Jul (CM, JM & KAM resp); 5, Neunert (Jackson Co), 27 Jun (RSR); 5, MermetL floodplain, 2 Jul (KAM). **Others:** LCal (126th St.M) (ad), 8 Jun - 14 Jul (AG, ASA, CAT, WJM et al., TW et al.); East Carondelet (St. Clair Co) (3), 30 Jun (KAM); Three Springs Pk, Shiloh (St. Clair Co) (2), 16 Jun (KAM); BaileyWet (2 ad), 2 Jul (CLH); Bluff Rd (Randolph Co) (4), 15 Jun (JT).

Little Blue Heron

MC: 47, Clear Crk Levee Rd, McClure (Alexander Co), 28 Jul (WDR); 26, ECapeGir, 28 Jul (WDR); 18, Miller City Rd (Alexander Co), 28-29 Jul (WDR, KAM); 12, Mitchie Wet (Monroe Co), 25 Jul (C&PD); 6, Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co), 18 Jul (DMK); 5, East Carondelet (St. Clair Co), 3 Jul (KAM); 4, ESTL, 9 & 21 Jun (DMK:ph). **Others:** LSpfld (beach) (juv), 18 Jul (HDB); Sangchris (juv), 25 Jul (HDB); CarlL-C (2), 23 Jul (DMK); Murphysboro, SNF (Jackson Co) (2), 26 Jun (ASA); sw. Union (5), 28 Jun (JT).

Tricolored Heron

NBSO: Emiquon, 11 Jun (TH, CD). This is the 5th Jun/Jul record for this species since 2001, though there have also been six other May records in 5 other years, most in late May.

Cattle Egret

MC: 20, Atlas Twp (Pike Co), 25 Jul (LV); 5, KLMSNA, 27 Jun (CM, JM). **Others:** Woodford SFWA (Woodford Co), 19 Jun (CAT); Emiquon (3), 12 Jun (DTW, PD); LSpfld, 28 Jul (HDB); CarlL-C, 14 Jun (DMK); WolfL (Union Co) (2), 4 Jul (JT).

Green Heron

Breeding: GlacialPk (carrying stick), 1 Jul (JA); Fermi (pr w/juv), 24 Jun (MN); Elsen'sHill (pr w/2 juv), 10 Jul (LY); Sang (HY), 16 Jul (HDB). **MC:** 9, WhispWil, 24 Jul (JBH); 9, Sang, 28 Jul (HDB); 7, Newport Twp (Lake Co), 11 Jun (BJS); 7, Fermi, 26 Jul (GP); 6, Boone Crk CA (McHenry Co), 23 Jun (SMn); 6, Pyramid SP (Denmark Unit, Perry Co), 3 Jul (MT); 6, HarrissL, Pinckneyville (Perry Co), 3 Jun (SDB, JS); 6, *Alexander*, 28 Jun (WDR); 5, MoraineHills, 21 Jun (VM); 5, VoloBog, 3 Jul (SM); 5, PGM, 14 Jun (WL); 5, Elsen'sHill, see above; 5, NoP, 6 Jun (SJH); 5, LCal (Burnham Pra NP), 3 Jul (TW); 5, Governors State Univ (Will Co), 3 Jun (L&LL); 5, BannerM, 17 Jun (EMC).



Black-crowned Night-Heron

Breeding: Baker'sL (juv on nest platform), 26 Jul (CSF); AT&T rookery, Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (ad on nest & 1 nest w/3 nearby fledglings & 2 yg fledglings near 2nd nest), 11 Jun & 24 Jul (KW & ABA resp); LincPk (Childrens Zoo) (ads sitting on nests), 14 Apr (MGf); LincPk Zoo (271 nests; 138 nests @ Lincoln Statue so. of zoo & 131 above the zoo red wolf exhibit & 2 others), season (SDr); Emiquon (21 nests found in marsh bird research project), season (fide AG). **MC:** 20, SoP, 23 Jun & 27 Jul (SJH & JIE resp); 17, WilmetteH (Cook Co), 4 Jun (KO); 12, RollinsSav, 18 Jul (BJS); 12, LCal (Eggers Grove FP), 10 Jul (DFS); 12 & 11, AlmondM, 18 Jul & 4 Jun resp (BJS); 11, Chi (River Pk), 8 Jun (SP); 10, Emiquon, 20 Jun (BM); 8, JP, 19 Jun (PRC); 6, ESTL, 20 Jun (DMK); 5 (2 ad, 3 juv), BaileyWet, 30 Jul (CLH). **Others:** Batavia (Kane Co), 25 Jun (TK); Dick Young FP (Kane Co), 29 Jun (BAN); PGM, 28 Jun & 10 Jul (JW & MM resp); Warrenville (DuPage Co), 19 Jun (DL); Pratt'sWW, 1 & 10 Jul (SK & PAM); Fullersburg Wds FP (DuPage Co), 23 Jun (DK, LP); Techny Basin CA, Glenview (Cook Co), 12 Jul (JLd); CBG (ad & 2 juv), 24 Jun & 28 Jul resp (AFS); GLPSNA, 9 Jul (MGr); RenwickL Heron Rookery (2), 2 Jul (CG); Peoria (Peoria Co), 27 Jun (DHh); Robeson Pk (1) & Windsor Rd (5) & Zahnd Pk (2) in sw. Champaign, 5 Jun & 18 Jul & 25 Jul (JBt & JN & DU resp); LSpfld (ad), 17 - 26 Jun & 25 - 31 Jul, w/2 there, 30-31 Jul (HDB); ESTL, 25 Jun (KAM); HL, 5 Jun (FRH); *White* (juv), 24 Jul (RES); CONWR, 24 Jun (DDM).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

MC: 3, Section 8, 11 Jun (SDB). **Others:** Sauget (St. Clair Co), 22 Jun (CK); Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 2 Jul (C&PD); *Edwards*, 13 Jun (RES); CONWR, 7-9 Jul (WW, DDM); OakwoodBot, 1 Jun & 3 Jul (DDM & DTW resp).

Glossy Ibis

NBSO: Emiquon (9), 12-14 Jun (DTW, PD, KAM et al.), but 1-6 there, 6-11 Jun (DH, CD). This is the 5th time in the last 8 years that this species has occurred in the Jun/Jul period.

Black Vulture

MC: 14, Carbondale (Jackson Co), 26 Jun (ASA); 8, MermetL, 28 Jun (KAM); 7, Karnak (Massac Co), 28 Jun (TW, NJT et al.); 4, Pomona Twp (Jackson Co), 19 Jun (KAM); 4, IL. Rt. 146 w. of Golconda (Pope Co), 10 Jun (SDB:ph); 4, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 21 Jun (C&PD).

Others: Bluff Rd (Randolph Co) (2), 27 Jun (CM, JM); CONWR (2), 23 Jun (JT); Creal Springs (Williamson Co), 5 Jun (SDB); near Old Shawneetown (Gallatin Co), 27 Jul (WDR); Makanda Twp (Jackson Co) (3), 3 Jun (SDB); HeronPond (3), 28 Jun (ASA); UCSFWA, 9 Jul (DDM); near Cave-in-Rock (Hardin Co) (3), 27 Jul (WDR).



*Young Osprey being banded at Saganashkee Slough.
Cook County. 24 June 2015.
Photo by Wes Serafin.*



*Turkey Vulture and Black Vulture. Pope County.
10 June 2015. Photo by Steven D. Bailey.*

Turkey Vulture

MC: 89, Quincy (Adams Co), 6 Jun (EBr); 71 & 60, Sang, 13 Jul & 7, 25 Jun resp (HDB); 60, CarlL-C, 18 & 26 Jun (DMK); 60, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DMK); 45, Lake of the Wds FP (Champaign Co), 14 Jul (JN); 42, I-57 (Jefferson Co), 29 Jul (KAM); 40, Gorham (Jackson Co), 28 Jun (TW et al.); 35, Canal Port Plaza, Morris (Grundy Co), 25 Jun (MW); 35, LeSuer NP (Warren Co), 10 Jul (JR); 33, Degonia Twp (Jackson Co), 27 Jun (RSR); 33, Belknap, 11 Jun (VMK); 31, Smith Lk Rd (nw. Scott Co), 27 Jul (KAM); 30, UMRNWR, 13 Jun (EB); 30, New Boston Twp (Mercer Co), 26 Jun (DFS); 30, CharlestonL (Coles Co), 23 & 27 Jun (GT); 26, KankakeeD, Kankakee, 20 Jul (JBH); 22, *Edwards*, 27 Jun (RES); 22, Pulaski, 12 Jun (VMK); 21, Havana (Mason Co), 17 Jun (ASA, JL); 20, Hanover Bluff NP (Jo Daviess Co), 10 Jul (EB); 20, Cherry Valley (Winnebago Co), 15 Jun (HA); 20, Midewin, 16 Jun (RR); 20, Greenview Wet, Partridge Twp (Woodford Co), 9 Jun (TH); 20, MidFork, 13 Jun (DU).

Osprey

Breeding: RockCut (pr raised 2 yg), Apr - Jul (DTW m.ob.:ph). 4th consecutive year in a row of nest success here.; MoraineHills (ad on nest), 16 Jun (MC, DC); COLSP (ad on nest atop nest platform), 10 Jun (WM); Pratt'sWW (pr on nest w/3 chicks & 1 other ad), 3 Jun (SK); Fermi (Kane Co) (pr @/near nest w/2 yg & ad @ 2nd nest), 18 Jun (GP et al.); Fermi (pr @ nest), 10 Jun (MN et al.); Spring Crk Valley FP (Cook Co) (pr & 1 yg in nest), 28 Jun (CSr); Baker'sL NP (Cook Co) (ad & nestling on nesting platform), 26 Jul (CSF); BergmanSl (Cook Co) (ad adding nest material atop nest platform & 3 nestlings), 19 Jun & 3 Jul resp & McGinnis (caught fish in lake), 19 Jun (WSS); SaganashkeeSl (Cook Co) (ad on nest & pr w/1+ yg in nest atop nest pole & 3 nestlings banded), 11 Apr & 13 & 24 Jun (WSS et al. & TL & WSS:ph et al. resp); LCal (PowderhornL FP) (pr atop nesting platform, 3 Apr, w/one ♀ & 2 competing ♂s there, 5 Apr; Pr w/one incubating/brooding, 13 & 29 May; Ad & 1 lg yg, 21 Jun - 19 Jul (WJM), w/one yg fledging by 29 Jul (CAM); Plainfield (Will Co) (ad nest building), 20 Apr (RCz:ph); CarlL-C (3 nests), w/up to 7 birds, 2 Jun - 19 Jul (DMK);

RendL-J (Ina Access boat ramp) (ad w/1 nestling), 29 Jul (KAM). **MC:** 10 (includes birds from 3 different nests, 2 successfully fledging yg), Fermi (DuPage & Kane Cos), 8 Jul (DSa); 6, Pratt'sWW, see above. **Others:** RollinsSav, 2 & 20 Jun (RB & SM resp); Wauk, 8 Jun (ASA, JL); Pt. Rock Pk, Mt. Carroll (Carroll Co), 14 Jul (EB); St. Charles (Kane Co) (3), 6 Jun (GP); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (2) & BergmanSl FP (Cook Co), 6 Jun & 2 Jun (RLS, VM & AFS resp); JP, 22 Jun (PRC); GLPSNA, 1 Jul (VS); Channahon (Will Co) (pr, one banded), 14 Jun (JLc:ph); WhalonL FP (Will Co) (2), 22 Jun (PC); EvergreenL (McLean Co), 16 Jun (AW); AndersonL (Fulton Co) (reintroduced bird w/ green leg band & pink-painted breast), 13 Jul (CL); L&D 21, Quincy (Adams Co), 22 Jul (EBR); LSpfld, 22 Jul (HDB); Shelbyville SFWA, Bruce WMA (Moultrie Co) (3 birds including 2 released, juv ♂ birds, & a wild ♀), 30 Jul (CL); Rosiclare (Hardin Co), CONWR, 4 Jun (DDM); MermetL, 28 Jun (KAM et al.).

Mississippi Kite

MC: 10, Rose Hill Cem, Thebes (Alexander Co) (known breeding colony), 10 Jun (SDB); 9, UCSFWA, 30 Jul (RP); 8, Pulaski, 12 Jun (VMK); 8, DogtoothI (Alexander Co), 29 Jun (DMK); 6, Pomona Twp (Jackson Co), 27 Jun (KAM); 6, ECapeGir, 9 Jun & 3 Jul (LB); 5, SIU, Edwardsville (Madison Co), 28 Jun (GC), but (1 & 2), 9 Jun & 23 Jul (CK & KAM resp). Possible nesting at this location??; 5, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 27 Jun (CM, JM); 5, Carbondale (Jackson Co) (nest reported in north part of town), 3 Jul (DDM); 5, HeronPond, 28 Jun (ASA). **Others:** Rckfd (1-2), 8 Jun – 28 Jul (DTW et al.); Spfld (Woodside Rd) (♂), 27 Jun, & chased off by COHA (HDB); HL, 20 & 22 Jul (JCM & FRH resp); East Carondelet (St. Clair Co), 1 Jul (KAM); CONWR, 12 & 18 Jun (WW & DDM resp); Fort Kaskaskia SHS (Randolph Co), 12 Jul (BJS); downtown Murphysboro (Jackson Co) (3), 15 Jul (RP); TOT (2), 28 Jun (KAM).

Bald Eagle

Breeding: Niemen Pond (Stephenson Co) (pr @ nest w/2 yg), Mar – May (DTW, SDB); Near Rckfd Apt (pr w/2 yg), 16 Jun (JD fide DTW); Fox Lake (Lake Co) (pr near nest), 2 Jul (BJS); TampierL (Cook Co) (ad on nest), 11 Apr (WSS); Papineau Twp (Iroquois Co) (ad neat nest w/ at least 1 small yg), 24 Apr (JBr); BigL (Brown Co) (ad on nest),



Northern Harrier nest. Saybrook Pheasant Habitat Area. McLean County. 9 June 2015. Photo by Todd Jones.



Juvenile Broad-winged Hawk. Labagh Woods Forest Preserve, Chicago. Cook County. 15 July 2015. Photo by Billy Devine.

20 Jan & 19 Feb, w/ 1 ad in nest w/2 relatively small yg, 16 Apr & ad in nest w/2 lg juv, 13 May (SDB); CarlL-C (2 nests, incl up to 5 birds), 4-7 Jun (DMK); Norris City (White Co) (nest w/ yg), 5 Jun (SSe); CONWR (active nest), 23 Jun (WW). **MC:** 6, Central Bend

Rd (s. Alexander Co), 28 Jul (DDM); 5, AndersonL (Fulton Co), 13 Jul (CL); 5, Shelbyville SFWA (KaskaskiaR Unit, Moultrie Co), 12 Jul (AF); 5, CONWR, 23 Jun & 7 Jul (WW); 4 (2 ad, 2 imm), Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 29-30 Jun (KAM). **Others:** LostMound (3), 13 Jun (EB); Boone Crk CA (McHenry Co) (2), 23 Jun (SMn); GreneVal (2), 18 Jun (PAM); Bartel, 31 Jul (PL); BraidwoodL (3), 8 Jun (JBH); McKinley Wds FP (Will Co) (2), 5 Jun (JSr); HennepinL (3), 13-14 Jun (JAS, PWS, DFS et al.); Greenview sod farm, Partridge Twp (Woodford Co) (3), 21 Jul (TH); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (3), 14 Jul (AW); Emiquon (2), 17 Jun (ASA, JL); Kickapoo SRA (Vermilion Co) (2), LSpfld (9 singles incl 2 imm, w/pr attempting to nest at Marine Pt by Mar), season (HDB); TwoRivers (2), 2 Jun (KH); CONWR (2), 2 Jun (DDM); HarrisburgL (Saline Co) (ad), 4 Jun (SDB). **Note:** There were 1-2 birds reported in many other locations throughout the state with birders reporting this species in 51 counties. There is currently a minimum of 270 active BAEA nests throughout Illinois (fide Aaron Yetter, Illinois Natural History Survey).

Northern Harrier

Breeding: Saybrook PHA (McLean Co) (nest w/2 eggs; but was likely predated), 9 Jun (TJs:ph); Sibley PHA (Ford Co) (nest but likely did not fledge yg), season (TLs fide MPW). Few nests have been found for this species, & none since 2000 at PrRdg-J. **Others:** LostMound, 13 Jun (EB); Lake In The Hills Fen NP (McHenry Co), 10 Jun (DSr); Kilbuck Crk HA (Ogle Co), 12 Jul (RF); Palmyra Twp (Lee Co), 16 Jun (JH); Muirhead Springs FP (Kane Co), 9 Jun (WL); Fermi, 10 Jun (AB); Marb, 16 Jun (JPs); Bartel, 5 Jun (PL); GLPSNA, 4 Jul (LR); DPCA, 4 Jul (DFS); Midewin, 10 Jul (JFh); U.S. Rt. 6 (Will Co), 25 Jun (MMe); Sunbury Twp (Livingston Co), 3 Jun (ES); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (♂ & ♀), 14 Jul (AW); Monticello, 22 Jun (MPW); Auburn (Sangamon Co) (2 ♀ plum & ♂?), 27 Jun & 25 Jul resp (HDB); Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 21 Jun (C&PD); Pyramid SP (Denmark Unit), 13 Jul (BJS); ECapeGir, 3 & 31 Jul (LB & JT resp). Many Jul records are likely early wandering/migrant birds, possibly from failed nests.

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Breeding: River Forest (Cook Co) (ad at nest), 8 May, w/4 lg yg (one fledged), 3 Jul (RAM). **Other:** Libertyville Twp (Lake Co), 8 Jun (ENL).

Cooper's Hawk

Breeding: Sannauk FP (DeKalb Co) (ad on nest & ad feeding nestlings), 10 & 22 Apr resp (DJS); GreeneVal (2 yg in nest), 23 Jun (MAM); Elmhurst (DuPage Co) (pr w/2 fledglings), 24 Jul (FF); South Oak Park (Cook Co) (ad on nest & ad feeding 2 nestlings & 1 fledgling), 2 & 10 Jun & 5 Jul resp (EDG); Nichols Park, Chi (family group of 3), 27 Jul (KR); LCal (PowderhornL FP) (pr @ newly finished nest, 3 Apr, w/incubating ad on 13 & 29 May) (WJM); JP (ad carrying food), 9 Jun & 3 Jul & (begging fledgling), 21 Jul resp (RLS); Spfld (nests @ Washington Pk, Carpenter Pk, & Lincoln Memorial Gardens), Apr - May (HDB). **MC:** 4, GreeneVal, 1 Jun (MAM); 3, McDowellGr, 24 Jun (PAM); 3, Spring Valley NS (Cook Co), 26 Jul (JMn); 3, Midewin, 5 Jul (JIN); 3, PerryFarm (2 ad & imm), 12 Jun (JBH); 3, Sang, 11 Jul (HDB); 3, Fairview Heights (St. Clair Co), 4 Jul (KT); 3, CarlL-C, 14 Jun & 19 Jul (DMK). **Others:** Elmira Twp (Stark Co) (pr), 2-3 Jul (SDB); Sang (8 singles), Jun (HDB); Edwards, 3-10 Jul (RES); near Jacob (Jackson

Co), 5 Jul (DDM); Herrin (Williamson Co), 27 Jul (DDM); Cobden Pk (Union Co), 5 Jul (JT); MissR Levee Rd, w. of Reynoldsville (Union Co), 29 Jun (DDM); Belknap Rd (Johnson Co), 28 Jun (ASA); Rosiclare (Hardin Co), 27 Jul (WDR). This species was sighted in 42 counties (mostly northern and central Illinois), with numerous sightings of 1-2 birds.

Red-shouldered Hawk

MC: 9, OakwoodBot, 3 Jul (DTW, PD); 8, Section 8 (1 ½ mile census & walk thru bald cypress/tupelo swamp), 11 Jun (SDB); 5 (2 pr & other ad), Twigg Twp (Hamilton Co), 24 Jun (SDB); 5, Pulaski, 12 Jun (VMK); 4, Pomona Twp (Jackson Co), 27 Jun (KAM). **Others:** Jefferson Twp (Stephenson Co), 18 Jul (PB); ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co), 20 & 23 Jul (KML); Willowbrook WC (DuPage Co), 3 Jul (GP); Skokie Lagoons FP (Cook Co), 13 Jun (JR); SaltCrk, 20 Jun (DFS); Miami Wds FP (Cook Co), 19 Jun (JRS); TurtleheadL FP (Cook Co), 5 Jul (DFS); McClaughrey Spring Wds FP (Cook Co), 12 Jul (LRe); SaganashkeeSl (Cook Co) (juv mobbed by swallows), 13 Jun (TL); Black Partridge FP (Cook Co), 18 Jun (LW); StarvedRock, 18 Jul (BJW); MomenceWet (2), 2 Jun (GAW); FGP, 3 Jun (CAT); Nipper Pra WS (Sangamon Co) (imm), 26 Jul (HDB); CarlL-C (2), 14 Jun & 19 Jul (DMK); HarrissL, Pinckneyville (Perry Co) (3), 3 Jun (SDB, JS); HeronPond (3), 28 Jun (ASA); TOT (3), 28 Jun (DDM).

Broad-winged Hawk

Breeding: RockCut (ad w/ yg), 18 Jul (EES); Highland Park (Lake Co) (pr bringing food to yg in nest), 28 Jun (GEN); LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (subad & ad feeding 2 juvs a snake), 2 Jun & 15-20 Jul (LGM:ph, & Billy Devine:ph, FRM:ph et al. resp); Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (ad collecting & feeding insects to juv), 9 Jul (RBy:ph). **Others:** Rckfd (Bloom School), 29 Jun (DTW); Trinity International Univ, Deerfield (Lake Co) (2), 24 Jun (AWS); St. James Farm FP (DuPage Co), 27 Jun (JS); Maple Grove FP (DuPage Co), 3 Jun (KL); WaterfallGlen, 27, 30 Jun & 30 Jul (PC et al. & LRe resp); CBG, 16 Jun (AFS); SwallowCliff (1 & 2), 8 & 16 Jun resp (DFS); Schroeder NS (McLean Co), 23 Jun (AW); Kickapoo SRA (Vermilion Co), 21 Jun (CW); Spfld, 21 Jun (AW); Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co), 2 & 16 Jul (RBy & TDF resp); Carlinville (Macoupin Co) (3), 24 Jul (KAM); Mitchie Wet (Monroe Co), 25 Jul (C&PD); Pomona Twp (Jackson Co) (2), 27 Jun (KAM); Giant City SP (Jackson Co), 11 Jul (DDM); Cobden (Union Co), 11 Jul (DDM); PineHills (campground), 2 & 23-24 Jul (DDM & JT, WDR resp); Rock Creek (Hardin Co), 27 Jul (WDR).

Swainson's Hawk

Breeding: McHenry (ad w/one fledged yg), 19 Aug (RAM). **Others:** Burlington Twp (Kane Co) (pr, but no yg noted), Jun – Aug (RAM, WSS, m.ob.).

Red-tailed Hawk

Breeding: RockCut (ad w/2 juv), 23 Jul (JCL); Florence Twp (Stephenson Co) (ad on nest), 4 Apr (SDB); Ayer's Sand Pra NP (Carroll Co) (pr bringing food to nest), 16 May (DTW, PD); Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (nest w/ yg), 3 & 10 Jun (PR:ph); PGM (ad



*Barn Owl. Hutton Township.
Coles County. 18 April 2015.
Photo by J. E. Brown.*



*Eastern Screech-Owl.
Richland County. 5 July 2015.
Photo by Leroy Harrison.*



carrying food), 15 Jul (PR); MArb (nest w/3 yg fledged by 2 Jun & ad w/begging juv), 2 & 23 Jun (JZ); Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co) (ad near begging fledgling), 19 Jun (JC); GreeneVal (pr @ nest w/3 nestlings), 9 Jun (DK); Naperville Twp (DuPage Co) (pr @ nest w/2 yg), 10 Jun (DB); Orland Grassland (Cook Co) (2 juv fledglings near nest), 30 Jun (SMs); Turnbull Wds FP (Cook Co) (ad @/near nest w/ yg calling), 15 Jul (GT); LCal (HegewischM) (nest w/ agitated ad, 5 May & 1 downy yg in nest, 24 May) (WJM); Sang (fledged yg at LSpfld (Cinder Flats), 21 Jun, e. of Auburn, U of I – S, 26 Jun & Oak Ridge Cem, 28 Jun (HDB). **MC:** 7, Fermi, 24 Jun (DSa); 6, GreeneVal, 23 Jun (MAM); 6, Sang, 27 Jun (HDB); 5, Columbia, 6 Jun (KAM); 5, Troy (Madison Co), 27 Jul (KAM). **Others:** IL Rt. 47 & I-90 int (Rutland Twp, Kane Co) (albino), 23 Jul (HA).

Barn Owl

Breeding: Ferrin (Clinton Co) (ad @ nest in barn w/2 live yg & 2 dead yg), 30 Jun (CLH); PRSNA-M (ads w/ yg in 5 nest boxes), 17 Jun, w/ one 2nd brood of 4 yg in one box in Aug) (CLH); Clay City (Clay Co) (pr w/ yg in church steeple), 9 Jul (CLH); World Shooting Complex, Sparta (Randolph Co) (3 yg in nest box), 3 Jun (CLH); Pyramid SRA (Perry Co) (ads w/ yg in 11 nest boxes), 3 Jun, w/one 2nd brood of 4 yg in one box in Aug) (CLH); Moores Prairie Twp (Jefferson Co) (2 yg in nest box), 13 Jul (RES:ph, CLH); Edwards (broods in 2 nest boxes), 4 & 27 Jun, w/5 juv yg ready to fledge from shed nest site, 14 Aug (RES); DolanL, Hamilton Co CA (Hamilton Co) (ad incubating eggs), 11 Jun & 2nd clutch of 7 eggs in box, 13 Jul (CLH); Dahlgren Twp (Hamilton Twp) (4 & 5 yg in nest boxes), 11 Jun (CLH); CRSNA-J (ad w/2+ yg in nest box), 28 Jun & 2 Jul (KAM et al. & DTW, PD resp). **Other:** CarlL-C (roadkill), 2 Jun (MSS**).

Eastern Screech-Owl

Breeding: LaBagh Wds, Chi (2 pairs w 1 pr fledging 2 yg), season (LGM). **Others:** Singles reported in only 11 counties.

Great Horned Owl

Breeding: Winnebago (Winnebago Co) (ad w/2 chicks on nest), 23 Mar (DTW); IBSP (juv in nest used in 2014 & built/used by RTHA in 2013), 24 Mar (EWW:ph); Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (juv begging call), 18 Jul (BJS); LowdMil (2 downy fledglings), 10 May (DTW); Rochelle (Ogle Co) (juv eating rat snake), 28 Jun (DTW); Sannauk FP (DeKalb Co) (ad on nest), 10 Apr (DJS); Spring Crk Valley FP (Cook Co) (fledged juv), 3 Jun (CSr); LCal (Beaubien Wds FP) (ad w/ fledgling), 5 May (WJM, JIN); Cook (ad on nest w/1+ yg, within a GBHE, GREG & DCCO rookery), 8 Apr (JGr); Pontiac (Livingston Co) (ad on nest in GBHE rookery), Mar (UWG). **Others:** ArgyleL SP (McDonough Co), 25 May (EWW). One or two birds reported from 23 other counties, in Jun/Jul.

*Great Horned Owl fledgling.
Timber Ridge Forest Preserve.
DuPage County. 9 May 2015.
Photo by Urs Geiser.*

Barred Owl

Breeding: Forest Pk NC (Peoria Co) (2 fledglings), 21 Jun (EMC); HunterL (Sangamon Co) (pr w/juv), 14 Jun (HDB); BuseyWds (pr cop), mid Feb (fide JBT); Bradley Twp (nw. Jackson Co) (ad w/begging juv), 1 Jun (SDB); Section 8 (3 begging juv in 2 areas), 11 Jun (SDB). **MC:** 6, Section 8 (1 ¼ mile census & walk thru swamp), 11 Jun (SDB); 5 (ad), Makanda Twp (Jackson Co), 3 Jun (SDB); 3, Rckfd, 30 Jul (DTW); 3, ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co), 20 & 23 Jul (KML); 3, Curtis Crk, Quincy (Adams Co), 24 Jun (EBR); 3, Jackson Falls, SNF (Pope Co), 26 Jul (CDo). **Others:** Reynoldswood Camp, Dixon (Lee Co) (pr), 1 Jul (SDB); Elmira Twp (Stark Co), 2 Jul (SDB). Reported from 36 counties, mostly 1-2 birds.

Short-eared Owl

Breeding: Sibley PHA (Ford Co) (pr fledged at least 2 yg), season (TLs fide MPW).

Belted Kingfisher

Breeding: Cantigny Pk, Wheaton (DuPage Co) (on nest), 13 Jun (KW); Gar Crk Trl (Kankakee Co) (pr w/food & ♂ w/food), 3 & 13, 17 Jun resp (JBH). **MC:** 5, FoxR Shores FP (Kane Co), 5 Jul (WL); 5, StarvedRock L&D, 18 Jul (BJW); 4, McHenryD, 11 Jul (KML, SI); 4, Sang, 20 Jun & 27 Jul (HDB); 4, MermetL, 28 Jun (NT); 3, COLSP, 30 Jun (AMn); 3, RollinsSav, 30 Jun (BJS); 3, Hume Twp (Whiteside Co), 2 Jul (SDB); 3, *Bureau*, 5 Jul (MAM); 3, MidFork, 15 Jul (DU); 3, Pleasant Hill (Pike Co), 18 Jul (DHh); 3, CarlL-C, 19 Jul (DMK); 3, Neunert Rd (Jackson Co), 23 Jul (RP). Numerous reports statewide of 1-2 birds.

Red-headed Woodpecker

Breeding: Seward Bluff FP (Winnebago Co) (ad carrying food), 3 Jul (BCW); IBSP (So. Unit & No. Unit) (4 & 3 & 2, incl ads on nests), 10 & 16, 21 Jun resp, incl nestling sticking head out of nest cavity @ So. Unit, 15 Jul (JSt); RollinsSav (pr entering nest cavity), 19 & 28 Jun (CS); Thomson Causeway RA (Carroll Co) (ad carrying food to nest cavity), 12 May (DTW); Buffalo Pk FP (Kane Co) (4 incl nestling being fed by ad @ cavity entrance), 27 Jul (PR); Spring Valley NS (Cook Co) (pr bringing food to nest), 3 Jun (ABA); Poplar Crk FP (Cook Co) (nest w/yg), 9 Jul (JV); Knoles Rd (Menard Co) (feeding yg), 3 Jul (MMn). **MC:** 35, AndersonL (Fulton Co), 13 Jul (CL); 22, New Boston & Eliza Twps (Mercer Co), 26 Jun (DFS); 14, Pembroke, 3 Jul (RDH); 11, *Edwards*, 4 Jun (RES); 8, Cantigny Pk, Wheaton (DuPage Co), 11 Jul (JC); 7, Ft. Sheridan FP (Lake Co), 14 Jun (JG); 7, Collinson Ecological Pr (Rock Island Co), 27 Jun (SH); 6, L&D 16, MissR (Rock Island Co), 18 Jun (BD); 6 (4 territories), IBSP (So. Unit), 24 Jun & 8 Jul (JSt); 6, Elmira Twp (Stark Co), 2-3 Jul (SDB); 6, ICCA, 17 & 19 Jun (JBH); 6, Eubanks_, 1 Jun (JLF); 6, Sang, 22 Jul (HDB); 5, LostMound, 19 Jul (EB); 5, AmboyM, 4 Jul (SH); 5, BellroseL, Havana (Mason Co), 6 Jun (BM); 5, Heron CP, 27 Jun (RSn); 5, Palmer Rd (Monroe Co), 27 Jun (CM, JM); 5, *White*, 22 Jul (RES); 4, Mill Creek_, 16 Jun (DTW); 4, IBSP (see above); 4, WaterfallGlen, 22 Jul (PAM); 4, Sheffield_, 27 Jun (DFS); 4, Havana Twp (Mason Co), 9 Jul (SDB); 4, Richard Young FP (Kendall Co), 28 Jun (SJ); 4, HennepinL, 4 Jul (MF); 4, SunsetL, Girard (Montgomery Co), 4 Jul (CL); 4, Lincoln Log Cabin SHS (Coles Co), 10 Jul (GT); 4, Bremer WS (Montgomery Co), 6 Jun (NR); 4, Ballard NC (Effingham Co), 26 Jun (NT); 4, Dudleyville_, 12 Jun (DMK); 4, CarlL-C, 20, 26 Jun & 2 Jul (DMK); 4, OakwoodBot, 1 Jun (DDM).

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Breeding: MArb (ad feeding fledgling), 14 Jun & 10 Jul (JZ, MN & JZ resp); Swift Pra NP (DuPage Co) (nestling begging from cavity), 4 Jun (VS); Wolf Rd Pra NP (Cook Co) (pr feeding yg), 3 Jun (LP); LaBagh Wds FP (Chi) (pr bringing food to nest cavity), 5 Jun (LGM); Red Gate Wds So. FP (Cook Co) (pr @ nest feeding 2+ nestlings), 21 Jun (DFS); BraidwoodL (pr @ nest cavity), 8 Jun (JBH); Robinson Pk, Peoria (Peoria Co) (ad feeding yg), 3 Jun (EMC); Sang (1st HY noted 2 Jun) (HDB). **MC:** 40, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 25, Columbia_, 6 Jun (KAM); 19, Eubanks_, 1 Jun (JLF); 19, St. Morgan_, 14 Jun (KAM); 17, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 16, CampPoint_, 4 Jun (VMK); 15, MacArthur Wds NP (Lake Co), 6 Jun (GH).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Washington Twp (Carroll Co) (2; both feeding on jelly in rural yard), 1 Jun (EB); MissPalis, 23 Jun (BD); Knoles Rd (Menard Co), 6 Jun (MMn).

Downy Woodpecker

Breeding: Holiday Hills (McHenry Co) (pr feeding fledglings), 14 Jun (LMr); Pratt'sWW (pr w/2 nestlings), 8 Jun (PAM); MArb (nest w/yg), 14 Jun (JZ); Swift Pra NP (DuPage Co) (♀ entered nest cavity), 4 Jun (VS); McDowellGr (♀ w/2 fledglings), 21 Jun (PAM); Springbrk (1+ yg in nest cavity), 6 Jun (KW); WaterfallGlen (ad ♂ feeding fledgling), 19 Jun (VS); Oak Park (Cook Co) (♀ fed fledgling suet), 13 Jun (EDG); NoP (pr @ nest cavity & @ cavity feeding yg), 3 & 17 Jun resp (GAW); LCal (HegewischM) (ads & fledged juvs), 6 Jun (WJM); JP (♀ feeding juv), 16 Jun (RLS); Gar Crk Trl, Kankakee (at nest cavity), 3 Jun (JBH). **MC:** 25, Section 8 (1 ½ mile census & walk thru bald cypress/tupelo swamp), 11 Jun (SDB); 15, Salt Crk Pk FP, Wood Dale (DuPage Co), 13, St. Morgan_, 14 Jun (KAM); 12, Reynoldswood Camp, Dixon (Lee Co), 1 Jul (SDB); 12, Elsen'sHill, 12 Jul (PAM); 12, Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co), 2 Jul (JC); 12, Elmira Twp (Stark Co), 3 Jul (SDB); 12, Twigg Twp (Hamilton Co), 23-24 Jun (SDB); 11, MArb, 23 Jun (JZ); 10, DPCA, 4 Jul (DFS); 10, Knoles Rd (Menard Co), 5 Jul (MMn); 13 & 10, Carpenter Pk, Spfld, 14 Jul & 12 Jun resp (CL); 9, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 3 & 18 Jul (JW); 9, Fullersburg Wds FP (DuPage Co), 3 Jun (KW); 9, Busse Wds FP (Cook Co), 17 Jun (KW); 8, COLSP, 26 Jun (BJS); 8, Spring Crk Valley FP (Cook Co), 28 Jun (CSr); 8, Miami Wds FP (Cook Co), 28 Jun (FRM); 8, LCal (HegewischM), 6 Jun (WJM); 7, Troy Grove Twp (LaSalle Co), 13 Jun (SDB).

Hairy Woodpecker

Breeding: Grant Wds FP (Lake Co) (nest building), 11 Jun (BJS); Antioch (Lake Co) (ad ♀ feeding fledgling a peanut), 8 Jun (JLs); St. Charles (Kane Co) (ad feeding yg), 1 Jun (JLg); McDowellGr (pr w/2 juvs), 21 Jun (PAM); Spring Crk Valley FP (Cook Co) (nest), 12 Jun (CSr); LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (pr bringing food to nest cavity & family group of 4), 5 Jun & 20 Jul resp (LGM). **MC:** 5, COLSP, 26 Jun (BJS); 5, Ryerson, 4 Jul (BJS); 5, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 3 Jul (JW); 5, Elsen'sHill, 8 Jun (PAM); 5, Busse Wds FP (Cook Co), 17 Jun (KW); 5, Twigg Twp (Hamilton Co), 23-24 Jun (SDB); 4, Grant Wds FP (Lake Co), 5 Jul (SM); 4, Pratt'sWW, 9 Jun (PAM); 4, Wayne Grove FP (DuPage Co), 11 Jun (GP); 4, CapSauers, 13 Jun (LRe); 4, Salt Crk Pk FP, Wood Dale (DuPage Co), 20 Jun (ABA); 4, Elmira Twp (Stark Co), 3 Jul (SDB).

Northern Flicker

Breeding: Holiday Hills (McHenry Co) (feeding yg in nest cavity & nestling ready to fledge), 12 & 21 Jun resp (LMr); Wauk (recently fledged yg), 23 Jul (AWS); Fischer Wds FP (DuPage Co) (pr w/begging fledgling), 15 Jul (SL); LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (ad bringing food to nest), 5 Jun (LGM); Montrose (ads feeding 2+ nestlings), 4 - 13 Jul (LGM, FRM:ph); Sang (1st HY), 16 Jun (HDB). **MC:** 16, West Chicago Pra FP (DuPage Co), 4 Jul (MB); 15, VoloBog, 3 Jul (SM); 12, RollinsSav, 21 Jun (JG); 12, GLPSNA, 9 Jul (MGr); 11, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 18 Jul (JW); 10, Bluff Spring Fen NP (Cook Co), 11 Jul (MMg); 9, Boone Crk CA (McHenry Co), 9 Jul (SMn); 9, MidSav, 16 Jun (SDB); 9, Pratt'sWW, 16 Jul (KW); 9, Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co), 15 & 24 Jul (JC); 8, GreeneVal, 1 Jul (MAM); 8, Cantigny Pk, Wheaton (DuPage Co), 11 Jul (JC); 8, Pembroke, 3 Jul (RDH); 7, COLSP, 26 Jun (BJS); 7, Fermi, 16 Jul (GP); 7, The Grove, Glenview (Cook Co), 17 Jul (FRM); 7, Sang, 14 Jun (HDB).

Pileated Woodpecker

Breeding: MArb (ad feeding fledgling), 14 Jun (JZ, MN); Georgetown (Vermilion Co) (pr feeding 2+ yg at nest cavity in rural yard), 24 May (MFC:ph). **MC:** 13, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 7, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 6, Section 8, 11 Jun (SDB); 5, Singing Wds NP (Peoria Co), 2 Jun (EMC); 5, HarrissL, Pinckneyville (Perry Co), 3 Jun (SDB, JS); 5, Giant City SP (Jackson Co), 23 Jun (NH); 5, Makanda Twp (Jackson Co), 4 Jun (SDB); 5, *Hardin*, 27 Jul (WDR); 4, StarvedRock L&D, 18 Jul (NS); 4, Sang, 3 Jun & 1 Jul (HDB). **Others:** MissPalis (2), 6 Jun (BLE); Ryerson, 10 Jun (ASn); ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co), 20 Jul (KML); Genoa (DeKalb Co), 6 Jun (KML); Wood Ridge FP (DuPage Co), 6 Jun (KW); Mallard Lk FP (DuPage Co) (♀), 10 Jun (KW); WaterfallGlen, 2 Jun & 22 & 27 Jul (GG & PAM et al. & KW resp); MArb (2), 1 Jun (GP); SwallowCliff (2 & 1), 16 & 19 Jun (DFS & WSS resp); McClaughrey Spring Wds FP (Cook Co) (2), 3 Jun (DKA, FRM); SaltCrk, 7 Jun (DFS); Red Gate Wds So. FP (Cook Co), 5 Jun (DFS); CapSauers, 26 Jul (MMC); Sag Valley Trl, Palos Park (Cook Co), 13

Jun (SH); Midewin, 10 Jun (FR); ICCA, 17 Jun (JBH); MidFork, 20 - 21 Jun (JN, NS); HomerL, 5 Jul (NSe).

American Kestrel

Breeding: Bell Bowl Pra, Rckfd Apt (family group of 8), 11 Jul (ASA); Muirhead Springs FP (Kane Co) (family group of 3), 19 Jul (WL); NelsonL (family group of 5), 3 Jul (DLe); nw. *Peoria* (♀ flew out of lg nestbox), 11 Apr (EMC); Havana Twp (Mason Co) (family group of 6), 6 & 9 Jul (SDB); Sang (several family groups), Jul (HDB); Vance Twp (Vermilion Co) (3 relatively recently fledged yg), 23 Jun (JOS); *St. Clair* (48 nestlings banded from 13 nest boxes), season (TUM). **MC:** 12, New Boston Twp (Mercer Co), 26 Jun (DFS); 11, Bell Bowl Pra, Rckfd Apt, 11 Jul (ASA); 10, Sang, 2 Jul (HDB); 10, CarlL-C, 2 Jul (DMK); 8, *Edwards*, 6 Jul (RES); 7, LostMound, 19 Jul (EB); 7, IBSP (So. Unit), 20 Jul (JLd); 7, 87th St steel mills, Chi, 18 - 30 Jul (AGL, EG, EDG); 7, Monticello_, 22 Jun (MPW); 7, *Union*, 3 Jul (JT); 6, *Mason*, see above; 5, NelsonL, see above; 5, EvergreenL, Bloomington (McLean Co), 25 Jul (PA); 5, Franklin (Morgan Co), 19 Jul (CL).

Merlin

Wauk, 1 Jun (PWS, AFS).

Peregrine Falcon

Breeding: There were 21 known Illinois nests w/confirmed eggs (77 total eggs, 50 of which hatched), incl 15 in Cook Co, 2 in Madison Co & one each in *Carroll*, *Lake*, *Macon & Will* (CPP fide JIE); Evanston Public Library (Cook Co) (pr @ nest on 3rd floor ledge w/4 yg), 7 - 14 Jun (DCs et al.); LMich, 68th St crib, Chi (banded yg), 15 Jun (JIE, TL); Chi (Willis Tower) (pr near nest), 16 Jun (CSs); Savanna (Carroll Co) (♀ in nestbox w/3 eggs; vid), 9 May (USF&WS fide AST); Clark Bridge, Alton (Madison Co) (family group of 4 & 2), 30 Jun & 19 Jul (ATB & CM, JM resp). **Others:** Wauk (NRG Generating Station), 4 & 29 Jul (BJS); NoP (1 -3), 13 - 31 Jul (JIN et al.); Grant Pk, Chi, 18 Jun & 14 Jul (MMC & PL resp); Chi (UIC East Campus), 16 Jul (JLd); JP, 10 Jul (PRC); Bartonville (Peoria Co), 14 Jul (EMC); LSpfld (2 @ dam), 22 Jun (HDB); ESTL (MLK Bridge, MissR) (2 & 1), 21 & 24 Jun (DMK:ph & KAM resp); HL, 19 Jul (TW); St. Ellen Mine Pk, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 28 Jul (KH); Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 2 Jul (KAM); Baldwin Power Station (Randolph Co), 20 Jun (DMK); MermetL floodplain, 2 Jul (KAM).

Monk Parakeet

Breeding: Chi (cell tower @ 119th & Ave "O") (ad nest-building), 6 Jun (WJM). **MC:** 30, I-355 near Great Western Trl, (DuPage Co), 31 Jul (JV); 20, Burbank (Cook Co), 24 Jul (JV); 6, Chi (56th and Halsted Cell Tower), 23 Jul (TL); 6, JP, 25 Jul (RLS); 5, Lombard (DuPage Co), 10 Jun (PAM).

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Breeding: Elsen'sHill (pr w/3 fledglings), 31 Jul (PAM); MArb (ad feeding fledgling), 10 Jul (JZ); Midewin (ad on nest), 5 Jul (SC); Tomlin Timber NP (Mason Co) (ad @ nest), 4 Jul (PHF).

MC: 20, Section 8, 11 Jun (SDB); 18, *Hardin*, 27 Jul (WDR); 17, Carpenter Pk, Spfld, 14 Jul (CL); 16, SwallowCliff, 28 Jun (DFS); 15, Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co), 5 Jun (OJ); 14, Eubanks_, 1 Jun (JLF); 13 & 12, Ryerson, 21 & 7 Jun resp (GH); 13, CapSauers, 16 Jun (TMM); 13, Twigg Twp (Hamilton Co), 24 Jun (SDB); PineHills (campground), 13 Jul (DDM); 11, MacArthur Wds NP (Lake Co), 20 Jun (GH); 11, Elsen'sHill, 31 Jul (PAM); 11, MArb, 25 Jun (PAM); 11, *Alexander*, 28 Jul (WDR); 10, SaltCrk, 20 Jun (DFS); 10, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi, 1 Jun (DKA); 10, Elmira Twp (Stark Co), 3 Jul (SDB); 10, JubileeC, 5 Jun (EMC); 10, St. Morgan_, 14 Jun (KAM); 10, Columbia_, 6 Jun (KAM); 9, Boone Crk CA (McHenry Co), 3 Jun (SMn); 9, Reynoldswood Camp, Dixon (Lee Co), 1 Jul (SDB); 9, Troy Grove Twp (LaSalle Co), 13 Jun (SDB); 9, ICCA, 17 Jun (JBH); Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 2 Jun (CAT); 9, Dudleyville_, 12 Jun (DMK). **Others:** LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (bird missing left eye), 1 Jun (DKA:ph).

Acadian Flycatcher

Breeding: Reynoldswood Camp, Dixon (Lee Co) (♀ @ nest w/2, ½ grown yg), 30 Jun & 1 Jul (SDB). Found a nest of this species 5 years ago, ~ 20 meters away; MArb (pr, w/♀ on nest), 25-26 Jun (PAM:ph, SK); Elsen'sHill (pr w/2 fledged yg), 23 Jun & 7 Jul (PAM). **MC:** 79 (52♂), Section 8 (1 ½ mile census & walk thru bald cypress/tupelo swamp), 11 Jun (SDB); 24, PineHills, 24 Jul (WDR); 16 (10♂), Twigg

Twp (Hamilton Co), 24 Jun (SDB); 16, *Hardin*, 27 Jul (WDR); 14, Forest Glen Pr (Vermilion Co), 19 Jul (NS); 14, Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co), 5 Jun (OJ); 14, *Alexander*, 28 Jul (WDR); 12 (9♂), Bradley Twp (nw. Jackson Co), 2 Jun (SDB); 9, TOT, 29 Jun (DDM); 8, JubileeC, 5 Jun (EMC); 8, OakwoodBot, 1 Jun (DDM); 7, StarvedRock, 4 Jul (VM); 7, Lincoln Trl SP (Clark Co), 2 Jun (CAT); 7, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 28 Jun (CAT); 7♂, Makanda Twp (Jackson Co), 4 Jun (SDB); 6, Black Partridge Pk (Woodford Co), 4 Jul (DH); 5, RockCut, 3 Jun (DTW); 5, StarvedRock, 13 Jun (KW); 5, CONWR, 5 Jun (DDM).

Others: MissPalis (3), 23 Jun (BD); Coral Wds CA (McHenry Co), 3 Jun (DC); COLSP (Oak Pt.) (♂), 6 Jun - 2 Jul (BJS); IBSP (So. Unit), 23 Jun (AWS); Dan Wright Wds FP (♂ & 3 incl 2♂), 24 Jun & 11 Jul (AMn, WM & JG resp); Reynoldswood Camp, Dixon (Lee Co) (4; 3♂, ♀), 30 Jun - 1 Jul (SDB); Salt Crk Pk FP, Wood Dale (DuPage Co) (♂), 20 Jun (ABA); St. James Farm FP (DuPage Co), 22 - 27 Jun (GP, KW, VS et al.); SwallowCliff, 6 -16 Jun (VM, LRe, DFS); LaBagh Wds FP, Chi, 9 Jun (JWL); Putnam County CA (2), 13 Jun (DBJ, NT); McKinley Wds FP (Will Co) (♂), 1 Jun (DFS); Knoch Knolls Pk (Will Co) (2), 16 Jun, but 1-2 there, 2-18 Jun (MAM et al.); MomenceWet (3), 2 Jun (GAW); Sang (3 singles noted in both Jun & Jul (HDB).

Alder Flycatcher

IBSP (No. Unit), 23 Jun (JBk); Midewin, 6 Jun - 2 Jul (DFS, VM et al.). On territories & breeding?

Willow Flycatcher

Breeding: Aurora West FP (Kane Co) (pr w/fledgling), 11 Jul (PAM); Sauer FPK (pr w/2 juvs), 26 Jul (PAM); Pratt'sWW (nest w/1 egg), 7 Jul (PAM, KW); McDowellGr (nest w/3 eggs & 1 newly hatched yg & 2nd nest w/4 eggs), 27 Jun (PAM). **MC:** 18, Danada FP (DuPage Co), 22 Jul (KW); 17 (13♂), 3 locations, Rockton Twp (Winnebago Co), 9 Jun (SDB); 14, Pratt'sWW, 5 Jun (KW); 12 (10♂), Fermi, 17 Jun (SDB); 12 (♂), Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 20 Jun (JW); 10, Aurora West FP (Kane Co), 11 Jul (PAM); 10, McDowellGr, 17 & 20 Jul (PAM); 10, PaulDouglas, 10 Jun (JBk); 8, SongbirdSl FP (DuPage Co), 6 Jun (JCa); 8 (7♂), LCal (PowderhornL FP), 10 Jun (WJM); 6 (♂), LCal (Burnham Prairie), 1 Jun (WJM); 6 (5♂), LCal (Heron Pond), 13 Jun (WJM). **Other:** IL. Rt. 94, Bald Bluff Twp (Henderson Co) (4♂), 28 May (SDB).

Least Flycatcher

IBSP (No. Unit) (♂), 8 - 24 Jun (ASA, JL, AFS, JLS, DRD et al.); Pratt'sWW (♂), 5 Jun - 7 Jul (KW, PAM); Mayslake FP (DuPage Co), 23 Jun (LP); Montrose (1-2 ♂s), 12 - 27 Jul (ASA, LGM et al.); Lick Crk (sw. Sangamon Co), 31 Jul (HDB).

Eastern Phoebe

Breeding: MissPalis (pr @ nest), 6 Jun (BLe); Rckfd (2+ hatching yg, incl BHCO), 18 May, then 2nd brood by 25 May, w/5 eggs on 31 May & 5 yg being fed, 23 Jun (DTW); MoraineHills (ad on nest), 21 Jun (VM); IBSP (No. Unit) (ad feeding BHCO juv), 1 Jul (LRe); Half Day FP (Lake Co) (pr going to nest under picnic shelter), 4 May (CHr); Ryerson (ad @ nest w/2 eggs), 19 Apr (SDB, SLD); Washington Twp (Carroll Co) (3 yg fledged from nest), 1 Jun (EB); LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (pr @ nest & ad on nest & feeding 3 nestlings & 4 nestlings), 5 & 8, 19 & 25, 29 Jun & 3 Jul resp (LGM); JP (ad feeding fledgling), 25 Jul (RLS); Johnson-Sauk Trl SRA (Henry Co) (ad @ nest underneath outhouse roof, w/2-3 small, downy yg & 1 unhatched egg), 3 Jul (SDB); ArgyleL SP (McDonough Co) (3 nests w/3 nestlings each; 2 held recent nestlings but 3rd ~ 5 days from fledging), 25 May (EWW); Sang (1st HY), 2 Jun (HDB); ShelbyvilleL (Moultrie Co) (4 chicks in nest in a duck blind), 2 - 4 Jul (AF). **MC:** 12, CarlL-C, 2 Jul (DMK); 11, Sang, 18 Jul (HDB); 8, Johnson-Sauk Trl SRA (Henry Co), 14 Jun (JAS); 8, Putnam County CA, 13 Jun (DBJ, NT); 8, Columbia_, 6 Jun (KAM); 7, GreeneVal, 1 Jul (MAM); 7, Midewin, 23 Jul (ASA); 6, Buda_, 18 Jun (JWW); 5, Elsen'sHill, 12 Jul (PAM); 5 McKeeM (DuPage Co), 4 Jul (JAg); 5, St. James Farm FP (DuPage Co), 18 Jul (GW); 5, Danada FP (DuPage Co), 22 Jul (KW); 5, StarvedRock, 4 Jun (DKA); 5, EvergreenL (McLean Co), 15 Jul (TG); 5, Camp Saukenauk (Adams Co), 16 Jun (CK).

Great Crested Flycatcher

Breeding: Elsen'sHill (families of pr w/3 juvs & ad w/3 juvs), 31 Jul (PAM); SaltCrk (ad bringing food to nest cavity), 20 Jun (DFS); Section 8 (family group of 8 in one small area), 11 Jun (SDB). **MC:** 21, Section

8, 11 Jun (SDB); 14, Eubanks_, 1 Jun (JLF); 12, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 11, Payson_, 2 Jun (JLF); 11, *Monroe*, 21 Jun (C&PD); 10, Elsen's Hill, 12 Jul (PAM); 8, St. James Farm FP (DuPage Co), 24 Jun (GP, KW); 8, ICCA, 17 & 19 Jun (JBH); 8, Sang, 28 Jun (HDB); 8, HarrissL, Pinckneyville (Perry Co), 3 Jun (SDB); 8, *Hardin*, 27 Jul (WDR); 7, WaterfallGlen, 26 Jun (GG); 7, HennepinL, 14 Jun & 6 Jul (DFS).

Western Kingbird

Breeding: Chi (Steelworkers Pk), (ad gathering nest material, 8 Jun, w/ad sitting on lined nest, 14 Jun & intermittantly seen on nest for ~ a month; 2nd ad never seen (AGI, EDG, JIE TW et al.); & 11 Aug (same bird?) (EG); Havana Twp (Mason Co) (pr @ nest on I beam in Ameren electrical substation & 1+ nestling), 25 Jun & 3 Jul (SDB:ph & KBR resp), but pr present there 1 Jun - 9 Jul (JV, SDB:ph m.ob.); so. of Meredosia (Morgan Co.) (family group of 4-5), 24-27 Jul (CD, TWd); ESTL (ad @ nest), 21 Jun, w/pr feeding 2 fledglings, 3 Jul (DMK:ph). **Other:** Rantoul (Champaign Co), 10 Jul (EJC).

Eastern Kingbird

Breeding: Loran (Stephenson Co) (ad on nest), 18 Jul (PB); Rckfd (pr bringing food to nest), 30 Jun (BCW); Anderson Japanese Gardens, Rckfd (family group of 4), 28 Jul (DTW, BCW); IBSP (No. Unit) (ad nest building & ad on nest), 11 & 17 Jun, 27 Jul resp (WM); RollinsSav (ad on nest), 21 Jun (GAW et al.); Rochelle (Ogle Co) (pr w/3 fledged yg), 28 Jun (DTW); MARb (nest w/ yg & feeding fledged yg), 2 & 10 Jul resp (JZ); Spring Crk Valley FP (Cook Co) (ad on nest), 23 Jun (JVt); Bluff Spring Fen NP (Cook Co) (ad on nest), 20 Jun (MMg); Montrose (pr & ad on nest), 15 Jun (GAW); KilldeerWet (ad on nest), 16 Jun (FRM); Sang (1st HY), 22 Jun (HDB); MidFork (nest w/ yg), 25 Jun (JN); Lincoln Log Cabin SHS (Coles Co) (ad on nest), 3 Jun (GT). **MC:** 28, MidFork, 15 Jul (DU); 21, Cantigny Pk, Wheaton (DuPage Co), 11 Jul (JC et al.); 18, Midewin, 22 Jul (JAS); 17, Sang, 31 Jul (HDB); 15, 87th St steel mills, Chi, 23 Jun (EDG, AGI); 15, EvergreenL (McLean Co), 16 Jul (PAM); 15, Pyramid S.P., Denmark Unit (Perry Co), 13 Jul (BJS); 13, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 11 - 20 Jul (JW); 13, *Edwards*, 4 Jul (RES); 12, SongbirdSl FP (DuPage Co), 6 Jun (JCa); 12, Eubanks_, 1 Jun (JLF); 12, CharlestonL (Coles Co), 27 Jun (GT); 12, CarlL-C, 18 Jun (DMK); 11, Fermi, 16 Jul (GP); 11, JP, 10 Jul (PRC); 11, Mascoutin SRA (DeWitt Co), 12 Jul (EW); 11, SIU Edwardsville (Madison Co), 9 Jun (CK); 10, VoloBog, 19 Jun (EH); 10, DogtoothI (Alexander Co), 29 Jul (KAM); 9, Mill Creek_, 16 Jun (DTW); 9, Pratt'sWW, 5 Jun (KW); 9, Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co), 31 Jul (PC); 9, HL, 21 Jul (CB); 8, MidSav, 15 Jul (SDB); 8, Atkinson_, 26 Jun (DFS); 8, Sand Prairie-Scrub Oak NP (Mason Co), 27 Jun (SDB).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Crawford Rd, Newport Twp (Lake Co), 11 Jun (BJS, AOS, CAT et al.); Springbrk, 16 Jun (JLS); Havana Electrical substation (Mason Co), 5 - 25 Jul (AFd, CD, AG); Grand Tower (Jackson Co) (pr), 17 - 27 Jun (JT, KAM, IOS), but ♂ there 14 Jun - 3 Jul (KAM:ph, DTW, PD et al.).

Loggerhead Shrike

Breeding: Tri-Township Apt (Carroll Co) (ad carrying food to nest), 16 May (DTW, BCW, IOS), w/pr near nest tree w/2 fledged yg, 4 - 23 Jun (DTW, EB m.ob.); Wauponsee Glacial Trl (Will Co) (ad w/ yg), 3 & 5 Jun (DZ); Midewin (9 nests), season (AC fide JBr).

MC: 5, LostMound, 13 Jun (EB et al.); 4 territories, *Wayne*, Jun/Jul (CLH); 3 territories, *Jasper* (incl PrRdg-J), Jun/Jul (CLH); 3, nw. *Edwards*, 14 Jul, but 1-3 there, 4 Jun - 22 Aug (RES, CLH). **Others:** GreeneVal, 16 Jun - 5 Jul (JAS, MAM, PAM m.ob.); Spring Crk Valley FP (Cook Co), 9 Jun (JBn); Midewin (1-3), 13 Jun - 22 Jul (RR, DFS, RBe m.ob.), incl juv, 27 Jun (JBr); Green Valley (Tazewell



Western Kingbird to the backdrop of the Gateway Arch in St. Louis. St. Clair County. 3 July 2015.
Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Co), 6 Jun (VMK); Meacham Twp (Marion Co) (1 territory), Jun/11 Jul (CLH, RES); *Clay* (2 territories), Jun/Jul (CLH); *Richland* (2 territories), Jun/Jul (CLH); *Wabash* (1 territory), Jun/Jul (CLH); Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (1 territory), Jun/Jul (CLH); *White* (2), 27 Jul (RES).

White-eyed Vireo

Breeding: VRO (ad carrying food), 11 Jun (JN). **MC:** 16 & 13, OakwoodBot, 3 Jul & 9 Jun

(DTW, PD & JT resp); 14, PineHills, 13 Jul (DDM); 12, *Hardin*, 27 Jul (WDR); 13, *Alexander*, 28 Jul (WDR); 12, CR, *n. Alexander*, 10 Jun (SDB); 11, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 10♂♂, Makanda Twp (Jackson Co), 4 Jun (SDB); 8, TOT, 28 Jun (DDM); 7♂♂, Rosiclare (Hardin Co), 10 Jun (SDB); 7, Pulaski_, 12 Jun (VMK); 6, HeronPond, 28 Jun (ASA); 5, Columbia_, 6 Jun (KAM); 5, Randolph Co SRA (Randolph Co), 15 Jun (JT); 5, Pomona Twp (Jackson Co), 19 Jun (KAM); 5, Devil's KitchenL (Williamson Co), 10 Jun (JT); 4, Sang, 14 Jun & 28 Jul (HDB); 4, Giant City SP (Jackson Co), 27 Jun (ASA); 4, Kickapoo SRA (Vermilion Co), 25 Jul (OJ); 4♂♂, Bradley Twp (nw. Jackson Co), 2 Jun (SDB). **Others:** RockCut, 1 Jun (DTW); LIB CA (Boone Co), 23 Jun (DTW); ElizabethL NP (McHenry Co), 21 Jun (SL); MoraineHills, 4 Jun & 4 Jul (JA & JIN resp); RedwingSl, 10 Jun (BJS); Wauk (♂♂), 23 Jul (SDB); Grant Wds FP (Lake Co), 2 Jun (BJS); Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), 2 Jun (AOS, AMn); Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (1-2), 14 Jun - 28 Jul (JW); Big Rock FP (Kane Co), 22 - 30 Jun (LA et al.); Pratt'sWW, 9 Jun - 10 Jul (PAM); McDowellGr (2), 18 & 24 Jul (PAM); MARb, 11 Jul (LRe); GreeneVal, 1 Jun - 4 Aug (MAM, PAM et al.); Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co), 31 Jul (PC); WaterfallGlen, 2 Jun - 31 Jul & 3 there, 21 Jul (GG, MAM et al. & VS resp); CapSauers (1, 2 & 1), 16, 24 Jun & 23 Jul (TMM & MMC resp); Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co) (♂♂), 12 Jul (DFS); Chi (Steelworkers Pk), 13 Jun (JIE); Plum Crk FP (Cook Co), 7 Jun (JIE, TW et al.); LCal, 8 Jun (CAT); Crete Bike Trl (Will Co), 23 Jun (DZ); BraidwoodL, 16 Jun (JBH).

Bell's Vireo

MC: 10, Pembroke, 3 Jul (RDH); 7, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 13 Jul (BJS); 5, GLPSNA, 20 Jun (DK); 5, BraidwoodL, 16 Jun (JBH); 5, MomenceWet, 6 Jun (DRD); 4, Aurora West FP (Kane Co), 23 Jun - 11 Jul (JBo, PAM); 4, Pratt'sWW, 9 Jun (SK); 4, Midewin, 8 Jul (DK); 4, ICCA, 19 Jun (JBH); 4, SpringL Btms (Tazewell Co), 17 Jun (ASA, JL). **Others:** LostMound (2), 5 Jun (DTW); Rckfd Apt, Jun-Jul (DTW et al.); Del Monte Ponds, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 2 Jun (DTW); Elgin (Kane Co) (2), 8 Jun (BK); Burlington (Kane Co), 25 Jul (PAM); Campton FP (Kane Co) (3), 19 Jun (ABH); Nachusa, 19 Jun (BD); Fermi (3), 8 Jun (MB, LY); Hawk Hollow FP (DuPage Co), 3 Jul (KW); Chi (near Steelworker's Pk) (♂♂), 8 Jun - 1 Jul (ASA, JIE, WJM m.ob.); Wauponsee Glacial Trl (Will Co), 3 Jun (DZ); Governors State Univ, University Park (Will Co), 3 Jun (L&LL); HennepinL, 13 Jun (DFS); Greenview Wet (Woodford Co), 4 Jun (TH); ICCA (2), 2 Jun (GAW); Alpha Pk, Bartonville (Peoria Co), 25 Jun (EMC); BannerM (2), 5 11 Jun (CAT, EMC); Double T SFWA (Fulton Co) (2), 1 Jun - 5 Jul (SL, DH); AndersonL SFWA (Fulton Co), 13 Jul (CL); Emiquon, 6 Jun (BM); Eubanks_, 1 Jun (JLF); Brooklyn Twp (Schuyler Co) (2♂♂), 21 Jun (BAD); Knoles Rd (Menard Co), 6 Jun (MMn); Sang (4), 23 Jul (HDB); Universal Mine state line rd, Hunter Twp (Edgar Co), 4 Jul (GT); Charleston Bike Trl (Coles Co) (3), 3 Jun (GT); Liberty Cem, Hutton Twp (Coles Co), 13 Jun (GT); ShelbyvilleL SFWA, West Okaw Unit (Moultrie Co), 25 Jul (TAM); Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co), 18 Jul (DHh); Peabody River-King SFWA (St. Clair Co) (4), 20

Jun (DMK); Silver Crk Pr (St. Clair Co) (3), 4 Jun (KH); PrRdg-M (3), 11 Jul (BJS); *Edwards* (2), 10 Jul (RES); World Shooting Complex (Randolph Co), 3 Jun (JT); Mayberry Twp (Hamilton Co) (2♂♂), 12 Jun (SDB); Porter House Rd (sw. Johnson Co) (2), 2 Jul (DTW, PD); Grassy Slough Pr, CRSNA (2), 28 Jun (KAM); Lower Chute Rd (Jackson Co), 4 Jun (JT); Grand Tower (Jackson Co), 21 Jun (RSR); Elkhaville (Jackson Co), 25 Jun (JT); CONWR, 22, 23 Jun & 29 Jul (WW); Ury Rd, Reynoldsville (Union Co), 27 Jun (KAM m.ob.); Central Bend Rd (Alexander Co), 28 Jul (WDR).

Yellow-throated Vireo

Breeding: MoraineHills (nest w/ yg), 23 Jun (JN). **MC:** 13 (incl pr & 10♂♂), Section 8 (1 ½ mile census & walk thru bald cypress/tupelo swamp), 11 Jun (SDB); 7, MissPalis, 2 Jun (EB); 6, COLSP, 26 Jun & 25 Jul (BJS); 6, JubileeC, 5 Jun (EMC); 5, HennepinL, 14 Jun (DFS); 5♂♂, HarrissL, Pinckneyville (Perry Co), 3 Jun (SDB); 4, Newport Twp (Lake Co), 28 Jun (BJS); 4, Elsen'sHill, 12 & 31 Jul (PAM); 4, DPCA, 4 Jul (DFS); 4♂♂, Twigg Twp (Hamilton Co), 24 Jun (SDB); 4♂♂, Makanda Twp (Jackson Co), 4 Jun (SDB); 4, *Alexander*, 28 Jul (WDR). **Note:** Sang ("this species declining") (HDB).

Warbling Vireo

Breeding: RollinsSav (ad on nest), 5 Jun (WM); IBSP (ad on nest), 17 Jun (WM); Wauk (♂ bringing material to nest site & ♀ building nest), 16 May (EWW); Swift Pra NP (DuPage Co), (ad carrying food), 18 Jun (VS); Fullersburg Wds FP (DuPage Co) (ad feeding begging juv), 22 Jul (VS); Montrose (family group of 4 w/ad feeding 1 fledgling), 14 Jul (DKA); Gar Crk Trl, Kankakee (ad carrying food), 11 Jul (JBH). **MC:** 15, HennepinL, 13 Jun (DFS); 15, *Monroe*, 28 Jun (PLs); 12, Ferson Crk Fen NP (Kane Co), 3 Jun (JLg); 12, Spring Valley NS (Cook Co), 3 Jun (ABA); 12, DPCA, 4 Jul (DFS); 12, Pembroke, 3 Jul (RDH); 11, Pratt'sWW, 9 Jun (PAM); 11, Clayton Smith FPs, Chi (Cook Co), 2 Jun (JBi); 11, Columbus Pk, Chi, 23 Jul (EDG); 10, CarlL-C, 5 Jun (DMK); 10, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DMK); 9, McHenryD, 6 Jun (KML); 9, West Branch FP (DuPage Co), 2 Jun (LY); 9, Sang, 10 Jun (HDB); 9, MidFork, 21 Jun (NS).

Red-eyed Vireo

Breeding: Sterne's Wds NP (McHenry Co) (ad feeding juv BHCO), 5 Jul (RBe); Jarvis (pr cop), 1 Jun (LGM). **MC:** 20, SwallowCliff, 8 Jun (DFS); 17 (16♂♂), Section 8 (1 ½ mile census & walk thru bald cypress/tupelo swamp), 11 Jun (SDB); 16, FGP, 19 Jul (NS); 15, Dan Wright Wds FP (Lake Co), 22 Jun (AWS); 15, StarvedRock, 13 Jun (KWr); 15, Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co), 5 Jun (OJ); 15♂♂, Twigg Twp (Hamilton Co), 24 Jun (SDB); 14, MArb, 25 Jul (PAM); 13 (12♂♂), Reynoldswood Camp, Dixon (Lee Co), 1 Jul (SDB); 13, GreeneVal, 1 Jun (MAM); 13, Red Gate Wds So. FP (Cook Co), 21 Jun (DFS); 13, *Hardin*, 27 Jul (WDR); 12, Centennial Trl (DuPage Co), 3 Jul (JAS); 12, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi, 1 Jun (DKA); 11, RockCut, 3 Jun (DTW); 11, Spring Crk Valley FP (Cook Co), 19 Jul (TL); 11, LRSNC, 17 Jun (DSd); 10, Elsen'sHill, 12 Jul (PAM); 10, McClaghrey Spring Wds FP (Cook Co), 3 Jun (DKA, FRM). **Note:** "Very scarce; missed on 4 of the 9 BBS routes (I run this year... w/only singles on three other routes" (VMK).

Blue Jay

Breeding: Ryerson (nest w/ yg near fledging), 6 Jun (JLd); Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co) (nest w/ yg), 15 Jun (JC); So. Oak Park (Cook Co) (fledgling), 30 Jun (EDG); Sang (1st HY), 29 Jun (HDB). **MC:** 26, MacArthur Wds NP (Lake Co), 20 Jun (GH); 21, Old School FP (Lake Co), 1 Jul (EE); 21, WaterfallGlen, 26 Jun (GG); 20, MidSav, 15 Jul (SDB); 20, MArb, 20 Jul (JSp); 20, Cantigny Pk, Wheaton (DuPage Co), 11 Jul (JC); 19, Ryerson, 7 Jun (GH); 19, Stonehouse Farm Pk, Paw Paw Twp (DeKalb Co), 18 Jun (FEM); 19, Deer Grove FP (Cook Co), 10 Jul (JDo); 18, Spring Crk Valley FP (Cook Co), 19 Jun (CSr); 17, Boone Crk CA (McHenry Co), 9 Jul (SMn); 17, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 11 Jul (JW); 17, DPCA, 4 Jul (DFS); 16, John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 20 Jun (RLS); 16, Eubanks_, 1 Jun (JLF); 16, Knoles Rd (Menard

Co), 5 Jul (MMn); 15 & 13, GreeneVal, 1 Jul & 1 Jun resp (MAM); 15, SaltCrk, 20 Jun (DFS); 15, Sang, 28 Jul (HDB).

American Crow

MC: 59, *Hardin*, 27 Jul (WDR); 53, Pulaski_, 12 Jun (VMK); 52, Flora_, 15 Jun (CLH); 40, JP, 1 Jun (AT); 40, CarlL-C, 14 Jun (DMK); 40, McClure (Alexander Co), 28 Jul (WDR); 39, Sheffield_, 27 Jun (DFS); 39, Belknap_, 5 Jun (VMK); 39, Section 8, 11 Jun (SDB); 37, *Jackson*, 24 Jul (WDR); 36, MissR floodplain (w. Monroe Co), 3 Jul (DM); 33, Athens_, 2 Jul (VMK); 32, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 28, Buda_, 18 Jun (JWW); 27, LSummerset_, 17 Jun (DTW); 26, Dudleyville_, 12 Jun (DMK); 25, Monticello_, 22 Jun (MPW); 24, Streater_6 Jun (JAS). **Others:** Crowley Sedge Meadow Pr (McHenry Co) (13), 8 Jul (RS); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (18), 3 Jul (RAB); VoloBog (14), 3 Jul (SM); Muirhead Springs FP (Kane Co) (11), 19 Jul (Walt Lutz); SoP (15), 23 Jun (SJH); Kaufman Pk, Champaign (18), 25 Jul (DLy).

Fish Crow

MC: 27, Miller City Rd & DogtoothI (Alexander Co), 29 Jul (KAM); 12, Makanda Twp (Jackson Co), 4 Jun (SDB); 6, CarlL-C, 5 Jun (DMK); 5, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 2 Jul (KAM). **Others:** PereMarquette (2), 23 Jun (RW); Carpenter

Pk, Riverside Pk & Marsh Rd (Spfld & Rochester Twp, Sangamon Co resp), 3 Jun & 21 Jul & 23 Jul resp (HDB); Sangchris, 15 Jul (HDB); ESTL (2), 19 Jul (DMK); St. Morgan_ (3), 14 Jun (KAM); East Carondelet (St. Clair Co) (2), 22 Jun (KAM); Rend-J (4), 26 Jun (ASA); HarrissL, Pinckneyville (Perry Co), 3 Jun (SDB, JS); CONWR (4), 22 Jun (WW); Section 8 (4), 11 Jun (SDB); MermetL (5), 2 Jul (KAM).

Horned Lark

Breeding: NPM (ad w/ juv), 16-22 May (EWW); IBSP (No. Unit) (ad w/2 juv), 14 Jul (AFS). **MC:** 47, Payson_, 2 Jun (JLF); 38, Jamestown_, 4 Jun (DMK); 29, Beaucoup_, 2 Jun (DMK); 27, Buda_, 18 Jun (JWW); 26, Grand Tower (Jackson Co), 28 Jun (TW et al.); 24, Dudleyville_, 12 Jun (DMK); 24, Columbia_, 6 Jun (KAM); 23, Mill Creek_, 16 Jun (DTW); 21, St. Morgan_, 14 Jun (KAM); 15, LSummerset_, 17 Jun (DTW); 14, Monticello_, 22 Jun (MPW).

Purple Martin

Breeding: Raven Glen FP (Lake Co) (nests w/ yg), 17 Jun (JLs); CBG (several ads feeding nestlings), 10 Jul (AFS); Palos (lg colony w/33 of 36 occupied compartments incl 50 eggs & 92 nestlings), 15 Jul (WSS:ph). **MC (migratory staging aggregations):** 290 (roost),



Loggerhead Shrike. Greene Valley Forest Preserve. DuPage County. 21 June 2015. Photo by Jim Tezak.



Purple Martin with dragonfly. Independence Grove Forest Preserve. Lake County. 5 July 2015. Photo by Phil Hauck.

LSpfld, 31 Jul (HDB); 104, Devil's KitchenL (Williamson Co), 29 Jul (WDR). **MC (breeding birds):** 73 & 38, Montrose, 19 Jul & 8 Jun (LGM & GAW resp); 60, CarlL-C, 18 Jun (DMK); 48 & 20, Cantigny Pk, Wheaton (DuPage Co), 11 Jul & 24 Jun (JC & GP resp); 41 & 40, Jarvis, 26 Jul & 9 Jun resp (LGM); 37, Rosiclare (Hardin Co), 27 Jul (WDR); 35 & 25, CBG, 16 Jul & 24 Jun resp (AFS); 30, Secor (Woodford Co), 4 Jul (DHH); 25, COLSP, 20 Jun (JCn); 22, CharlestonL (Coles Co), 9 Jul (RBy); 21, JP, 20 Jun (PRC); 20, Independence Grove FP (Lake Co), 20 Jun (MS); 20, HennepinL, 14 Jun (DFS); 16, Danada FP (DuPage Co), 22 Jul (KW); 15, L&D 16, MissR (Rock Island Co), 18 Jun (BD); 15, Grand Tower (Jackson Co), 21 Jun (RSR).

Tree Swallow

Breeding: GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (pr carrying food to nest cavity), 10 Jul (DTW, PD); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (2+ yg calling inside nest box), 19-26 Jun (RAB); Raven Glen FP (Lake Co) (pr in nest box w/yg), 14 Jun (NSr); MARb (6 nests), 23 May (EWW) & (nests w/yg), 9 Jun & nest w/eggs in bluebird box), 2 Jul (JZ); WaterfallGlen (prs feeding yg), 19 Jun (VS); Sang (1st HY), 9 Jun (HDB). **MC (migratory staging concentrations):** 330, New Boston Twp (Mercer Co), 26 Jun (DFS); 200, Midewin, 22 Jul (JAS); 190, HennepinL, 6 Jul (DFS); 180, Ethel's Wds FP (Lake Co), 15 Jul (AWS). **MC (breeding birds):** 90, NelsonL, 4 Jul (JW); 88, Rochelle Del Monte ponds (Ogle Co), 28 Jun (DTW); 80, Midewin, 28 Jun (DK); 79, Fermi, 8 Jul (DSa); 70, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 17 Jul (60, MidSav, 3 Jul (AMn); 60, Buffalo Pk FP (Kane Co), 30 Jun (PR); 59, MARb, 9 Jun (JZ); 55, HennepinL, 14 Jun (DFS); 54, GreeneVal, 1 Jun (MAM); 51, RollinsSav, 19 Jun (JBk); 50, GooseL CA (McHenry Co), 27 Jun (AP); 50, Bartel, 17 Jul (PL); 50, GLPSNA, 10 Jun (FR); 50, ICCA, 5 Jul (NJT); 50, Kaskaskial (Randolph Co), 23 Jul (DR); 47, Big Island (Rock Island Co), 4 Jul (NHd); 46, ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co), 14 Jul (KML); 45 & 25, PaulDouglas, 14 Jul & 12 Jun (SS & JBk resp); 44, LaMoille (Bureau Co), 5 Jul (MAM); 40, Glacial Park (McHenry Co), 23 Jul (ABk); 40, VoloBog, 3 Jul (SM); 40, IBSP (No. Unit), 9 Jul (JLd); 40, Air Station Pra, Glenview (Cook Co), 21 Jun (SC); 90 & 40, Emiquon, 13 Jul & 12 Jun (CL & SZ resp); 40, Gridley WTP (McLean Co), 9 Jul (BM); 40, Heron CP, 27 Jun (RSn); 37, McKeeM, 20 Jun (JAg); 37, HL, 12 Jul (FRH); 36, American WayM, Libertyville (Lake Co), 2 Jul (AWS); 35, QuinsippiL, MissR, Quincy (Adams Co), 17 Jun (EBr); 33, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 23 Jun (JW); 30, StarvedRock, 13 Jun (KW); 31, Spring Crk Valley FP (Cook Co), 26 Jun (JVt); 30, Normantown Wet (Will Co), 2 Jun (PC); 30, Rock Springs NC (Macon Co), 2 Jun (AS); 30, CarlL-C, 26 Jun (DMK); 29, McHenryD, 6 Jun (KML); 29, EvergreenL (McLean Co), 29 Jun (AW); 28, WaterfallGlen, 19 Jun (VS); 25, MARb, 2 Jun (JZ); 25, LCal (Indian RidgeM), 3 Jun (TB); 25, DePageR Greenway (Will Co), 2 Jun (PC); 25, Sweetwater Pk, Elmwood (Peoria Co), 26 Jun (EMC); 25, Sang, 30 Jul (HDB).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Breeding: Montrose (fledged yg), 9 Jul (ASA); Steelworkers Pk, Chi (fledged yg), 1 Jul (ASA); ArgyleL SP (McDonough Co) (5 prs nesting along canal), 25 May (EWW); Sang (1st HY), 16 Jun (HDB). **MC (migratory staging aggregations):** 524, Miller City Rd & Central Bend Rd (Alexander Co), 28 Jul (WDR); 400, Smith Lk Rd (Scott Co), 27 Jul (KAM); 85, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 8 Jul (JW); 72, Aroma Park (Kankakee Co), 24 Jul (JBH); 70, Ashland Twp (Cass Co), 12 Jul (MMn). **MC (breeding birds):** 210 & 150 & 120, 87th St steel mills, Chi, 9 Jul & 3, 14 Jun resp (EDG, AGI); 45, Jelke Crk BS (Kane Co), 11 Jul (WL); 35, DPCA, 1 Jun (DFS); 30, PGM, 28 Jun (WL); 40 & 30, Montrose, 30, & 13, 24 Jun resp (ASA); 38 & 29, JP, 27 & 17 Jun resp (PRC); 20, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 4 Jul (JW); 25, Greenview sod farm (Woodford Co), 5 Jul (TH); 25, Ware-Wolf Lk Rd, Ware (Union Co), 2 Jul (DDM); 24, Sheffield_, 27 Jun (DFS); 21, GreeneVal, 9 Jun (MAM); 20, Rock RiverD, Dixon (Lee Co), 17 Jun (JH).



Purple Martin colony.

Dixon Waterfowl Refuge.

Putnam County. 15 June 2015.

Photo by Steven D. Bailey.

Bank Swallow

Breeding: IBSP (So. Unit) (20 entering & leaving holes in dune bank), 1 Jul (AFS); LighthouseB, Evanston (Cook Co) (15 w/several going in & out of cliff nest holes), 12 Jun (RDr); Dallas City (Henderson Co) (400 nest holes & 27 ad birds banded at longtime breeding colony), 5 Jun (VMK); LSpfld (Cinder Flats) (150 nesting), 27-28 Jun, w/1st HY by mid-Jun & #s began dropping after 21 Jul (HDB). **MC (migratory staging aggregations):** 1300, Miller City Rd & DogtoothI (Alexander Co), 29 Jul (KAM); 275 & 150 & 140, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 28 & 18 & 23 Jul resp (JW); 145, Greenview sod farm (Woodford Co), 21 Jul (TH); 105, Newport Twp (Lake Co), 15 Jul (AWS). **MC:** 70, MissR Levee Rd (Union Co), 29 Jun (DDM); 50, Chilicothe (Peoria Co) (likely nesting @ nearby gravel pits),

4 Jul (EMC); 45, Meredosia (Morgan Co), 27 Jul (KAM); 40, Burnham Pra NP, LCal, 10 Jul (SBB); 40, Woodford SFWA (Woodford Co), 25 Jul (PHF); 30 & 25, IBSP (No. Unit & So. Unit), 28 & 10, 19 Jun (PWS & JG resp); 33, COLSP, 25 Jul (BJS); 32 & 20, GreeneVal, 8 Jul & 1 Jun (MAM); 20, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 - 27 Jun (DMK, JM, CM).

Cliff Swallow

Breeding: Rockton Rd Bridge, RockR, Rockton (Winnebago Co) (75+ nests), 8 Jun (SDB); NPM & WinthropH (3 nesting colonies w/133 nests), 22 May (EWW); Il. Rt. 78 bridge over RockR, Prophetstown (Whiteside Co) (20+ nesting under bridge), 2 Jul (SDB); Il. Rt. 26 bridge over GreenR (Lee Co) (20 birds nesting under bridge), 9 Jul (SDB); Rt. 64 FoxR bridge, St. Charles (Kane Co) (45 birds & 1/3 of 100+ nests active), 8 Jun (LY); FoxR bridge, Batavia (Kane Co) (33 incl building new & repairing old nests), 6 Jun (MM); NU, Evanston (Cook Co) (25 nesting under new music building & 43 nests, many active & several nests occupied by HOSP), 6, 12 & 27 Jun resp (RDr); SaganashkeeSl (Cook Co) (9 active nests), 19 Jun (WSS); DiverseyH, Chi (ad on 6 active nests under Lake Shore Dr bridge), 17 Jun (GAW); JP (18 birds under 63rd St beach pavillion & 25 new nests & 12 visible nestlings), 17, 20 & 27 Jun (PRC & RLS resp); Elmira Twp (Stark Co) (18 birds nesting under tiny, concrete bridge), 2 Jul (SDB); IL. Rt. 94, Bald Bluff Twp (Henderson Co) (7+ prs building nests under small, concrete road culvert), 28 May (SDB); Brush Crk bridge, Chestnut Twp (Knox Co) (125+ nests), 29 May (SDB); n. Peoria (3 creek bridge nesting colonies of 40, 50 & 75 birds), 17 May (EMC); Emiquon (57 active nests w/ yg @ ThompsonL Overlook structure), 25-26 Jun (SDB:ph); L&D 21, Quincy (Adams Co) (37 incl many gathering mud for nests), 20 Jun (EBr:ph); Eminence Twp (Logan Co) (15+ prs nesting under small US 136 bridge over W. Fork of Sugar Crk), 9 Jul (SDB); Sang (nesting in several areas, especially @ Lindsay Bridge, LSpfld & #'s of yg, 17 Jun (HDB); Ellis Grove (Randolph Co) (6+ pr nesting under IL. Rt. 3 Nine Mile Crk bridge), 2 Jun (SDB); Carmi Twp (White Co) (50+ birds nesting under bridge over Skillet Branch of Little WabashR), 24 Jun (SDB); Clear Crk Ditch Bridge, e. of McClure (Alexander Co) (25+ nesting under bridge), 10 Jun (SDB); Golconda (Pope Co) (50+ prs nesting under bridges over Lusk & Miller Crks), 10 Jun (SDB). **MC:** 400, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DMK); 200, Rt. 50 CarlLC breeding colony, 5 & 7 Jun (DMK); 200, MissR (sw. Union Co), 27 - 28 Jun (NJT, KAM m.ob.); 141, MomenceSod, 6 Jun (GAW, DTW, m.ob.); 132, Wauk, 21 Jul (AWS); 121, IL. Rt 13 (Jackson Co), 28 Jun (KAM); 110, LSpfld, 25, 30 Jun & 1 Jul, w/#s dropping after 18 Jul (HDB); 100, East Carondelet (St. Clair Co) (2), 22 Jun (KAM); 100, ECapeGir, 10 Jun (LB); 98, Double T SFWA (Fulton Co), 12 Jul (MHB); 85, TOT, 28 Jun (KAM); 82, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 80, Evanston lakefront (Cook Co), 14 Jul (GT); 80, Warterford Twp (Fulton Co), 13 Jul (CL); 80, CarlL-C, 26 Jun & 2 Jul (DMK); 76, Millbrook Twp (Peoria Co),

30 Jun (EMC); 75, Valley Twp (Stark Co), 31 Jul (BB); 60, JP, 10 - 11 Jul (ASA, TW); 60, Sheffield_, 27 Jun (DFS); 60, Athens_, 2 Jul (VMK); 60, Emiquon, 14 Jun (TW et al.); 60, Alton (Madison Co), 30 Jun (ATB); 50, Kickapoo Twp (Peoria Co), 2 Jul (EMC); 50, McLean (McLean Co), 29 Jun (VMK); 50, LMurphysboro SP (Jackson Co), 27 Jun (ASA); 47, Knapheide Rd, Quincy (Adams Co), 29 Jul (EBr); 46, Bruce WMA, LShelbyville (Moultrie Co), 31 Jul (CL); 40, ESTL Eads Bridge breeding colony, 4 Jun (DMK); 32, Mill Creek_, 16 Jun (DTW); 30, RendL-F, 26 Jun (KAM); 30, Beaucoup_, 2 Jun (DMK).

Barn Swallow

Breeding: NPM fishing pier (10 nests), 22 May (EWW); IBSP (No. Unit) (6 active nests), 21 Jun (JSt); MidSav (active nest under footbridge), 2 Jun (WM); MARb (6), 23 May (EWW); Springbrk (2 active nests on outhouse), 28 Jun (LRe); Douglas Pk, Chi (a few on nests incl one nesting in old CLSW nest), 1 Jun (EDG); LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (ad on nest), 20 Jun (DKA); DiverseyH, Chi (15+ active nests under Lake Shore Dr bridge), 17 Jun (GAW). **MC (migratory staging concentrations):** 300, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DMK). **MC (breeding birds):** 100, Duntelman Sod Farm, Kaneville, 3 Jul (MM); 100, Robert Porter Pk, Champaign, 30 Jul (DU); 85, Cantigny Pk, Wheaton (DuPage Co), 11 Jul (JC); 80, Sheffield_, 27 Jun (DFS); 71, JP, 9 Jul (PRC); 68 & 32, Wauk, 21 Jul & 8 Jun (AWS & LRe, LP resp); 66, Fermi, 16 Jul (GP); 65 & 37, HennepinL, 6 Jul & 13 Jun resp (DFS); 60, Glacial Pk (McHenry Co), 23 Jul (ABk); 57, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 50, Montrose, 16 Jul (ASA); 50, GLPSNA, 10 Jun (FR); 50, HL, 19 Jul (BR); 46, Monticello_, 22 Jun (MPW); 46 & 20, Sang, 22 Jul & 13, 19 Jun resp (HDB); 45, MidSav, 3 Jul (GG); 45, Quincy (Adams Co), 8 Jun (EBr); 45, Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co), 24 Jul (MPe); 44, Edwards, 4 Jul (RES); 40, GooseL CA (McHenry Co), 6 Jul (JLd); 40, Dawes Pk, Evanston (Cook Co), 23 Jul (MG); 40, Midewin, 19 Jul (DK); 40, Atkinson_, 26 Jun (DFS); 39, Dean NS, Oak Brook (DuPage Co), 18 Jul (DFS); 39, Columbia_, 6 Jun (KAM); 39, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 38, RollinsSav, 28 Jul (AWS); 38, Stillwell_, 5 Jun (VMK); 36, Troy Grove_, 20 Jun (JAS); 35, Douglas Pk, Chi, 21 Jul (EDG); 35, Greenview Sod Farm (Woodford Co), 10 Jul (TH); 35, East Carondelet (St. Clair Co), 3 Jul (KAM); 35, CONWR, 13 Jul (JGd).

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 32, Section 8 (1 ½ mile census & walk thru bald cypress/tupelo swamp), 11 Jun (SDB); 17, Twigg Twp (Hamilton Co), 23-24 Jun (SDB); 16, St. Morgan_, 14 Jun (KAM); 13, Hardin, 27 Jul (WDR); 12, Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co), 5 Jun (OJ); 12, RendL-F, 27 Jun (CAT); 11, Giant City SP (Jackson Co), 27 Jun (ASA); 10, HL, 11 Jul (PA et al.); 10, Columbia_, 6 Jun (KAM); 10, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 28 Jun (CAT); 8, HomerL, 5 Jul (NSe); 8, Washington, 29 Jul (WDR); 8, HarrissL, Pinckneyville (Perry Co), 3 Jun (SDB); 8, HeronPond, 28 Jun (KAM, NJT, TW et al.).

Black-capped Chickadee

Breeding: Bloom School, Rckfd (family group of 5), 29 Jun (DTW); LIB CA (Boone Co) (pr feeding 3 fledglings), 23 Jun (DTW); Mundelein (Lake Co) (ad carrying downy plant material to nest in homemade orange juice nest box in yard), 8 May (SDB); Elsen'sHill (pr feeding 4 juv), 7 Jul (PAM); Swift Pra NP (DuPage Co) (ad feeding 1 fledgling & ad feeding 2 fledgling), 26 Jun (VS); Downers Grove (DuPage Co) (pr feeding 2 juv), 17 Jun (VM); Buffalo Grove (Cook Co) (ad in nestbox w/4 newly hatched yg; 2nd brood had fledged a few weeks earlier), 4 Jul (CHr); So. Oak Park (Cook Co) (pr feeding 2 fledglings), 2 Jun (EDG); ArgyleL SP (McDonough Co) (ad feeding yg), 25 May (EWW); Sang (1st HY), 3 Jun (HDB). **MC:** 29 & 15,

MARb, 25 Jul & 15 Jun (PAM & JZ resp); 26, Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co), 2 Jul (JC); 25, Grant Wds No. FP (Lake Co), 5 Jul (SMI); 20, Sugar River Alder Tract FP (Winnebago Co), 21 Jun (DTW); 20, Heron Crk FP (Lake Co), 3 Jul (JuB); 19, Dan Wright Wds FP (Lake Co), 22 Jun (AWS); 19, Centennial Trl (DuPage Co), 3 Jul (JAS); 18, LSummerset_, 17 Jun (DTW); 18, Forest Pk NC (Peoria Co), 28 Jun (EMC); 17, Old School FP (Lake Co), 23 Jul (EE); 17, McDowellGr, 21 Jun (PAM); 17, New Lenox_, 22 Jun (ASA); 16, Newport Twp (Lake Co), 28 Jun (BJS); 16, IBSP (So. Unit), 3 Jul (NJT); 16, Fitchie Crk FP (Kane Co), 20 Jun (WL); 16, Reynoldswood Camp, Dixon (Lee Co), 1 Jul (SDB); 16, Elsen'sHill, 12 Jul (PAM); 16, Shoe Factory Wds Rd FP (Cook Co), 21 Jun (JVt); 16, SaltCrk, 20 Jun (DFS); 16, RenwickL NP (Will Co), 11 Jul (DFS); 15, WaterfallGlen, 4 Jul (LRe); 15, NoP, 20 & 28 Jun (SJH); 14, JP, 10 Jul (PRC).

Tufted Titmouse

Breeding: SilverL, Blackwell FP (DuPage Co) (pr feeding 3 juvs), 16 Jun (PAM, SK); Sang (1st HY), 2 Jun (HDB). **MC:** 36, Section 8 (1 ½ mile census & walk thru bald cypress/tupelo swamp), 11 Jun (SDB); 34, Twigg Twp (Hamilton Co), 24 Jun (SDB); 30, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 25, Hardin, 27 Jul (WDR); 21, Eubanks_, 1 Jun (JLF); 20, Pulaski_, 11 Jun (VMK); 19, Belknap_, 12 Jun (VMK); 15, ArgyleL SP (McDonough Co), 25 May (EWW); 15, Union, 24 Jul (WDR); 14, ICCA, Pembroke & MomenceWet, 2 Jun (GAW); 14, Sang, 3 Jun (HDB); 14, Alexander, 28 Jul (WDR); 13, Makanda Twp (Jackson Co), 4 Jun (SDB); 13, SNF (Hardin Co), 13 Jun (LMA); 12, Elmira Twp (Stark Co), 3 Jul (SDB); 12, Columbia_, 6 Jun (KAM). **Others:** RockCut (3), 1 Jun (DTW); SugarR Alder Tract FP (Winnebago Co), 21 Jun (DTW); MissPalis (2), 15 Jun (EB); Nachusa (8), 27 Jun (KML); St. James Farm FP (DuPage Co), 23 Jun (GP); Cemetery Hill Trl, Palos, 27 Jun (TMM); CapSauers (2 locations), 8 Jun (TMM); Red Gate Wds So. FP (Cook Co) (2), 5 Jun (DFS); Reynoldswood Camp, Dixon (Lee Co) (4), 1 Jul (SDB); McKinley Wds FP (Will Co) (5), 1 Jun (DFS); Kankakee (home) (1-2), 11 Jun - 29 Jul (JBH).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Breeding: Arlington Heights (Cook Co) (pr feeding begging juv at yard feeders), 4 - 11 Jul (SS). **Others:** Pratt'sWW, 28 Jun (PR); MARb, 6 Jul (JZ); Woodridge (DuPage Co), 28 Jun (JCn); Willowbrook (DuPage Co) (coming to yard feeder), 12-13 Jul (AL).

White-breasted Nuthatch

Breeding: CapSauers (3 juv begging from ad), 16 Jun (TMM); Sang (1st HY), 3 Jun (HDB). **MC:** 24, Section 8 (1 ½ mile census & walk thru bald cypress/tupelo swamp), 11 Jun (SDB); 20, Ryerson, 21 Jun (GH); 17, MacArthur Wds NP (Lake Co), 20 Jun (GH); 16, MidSav, 15 Jul (SDB); 15, Grant Wds FP (Lake Co), 5 Jul (SMI); 15, MARb, 13 Jun (AB); 15, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 21 Jun (JW); 15, Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co), 15 Jul (JC); 15, Cemetery Hill Trl, Palos, 27 Jun (TMM).

Brown Creeper

HennepinL (♂), 13 Jun (DFS); StarvedRock, 11 Jun (DCs:ph).

House Wren

Breeding: Antioch (Lake Co) (nest building), 1 Jun (JLs); Lombard (DuPage Co) (pr feeding nestlings in nest box), 28 Jul (BGm); MARb (ad feeding nestlings), 14 & 20 Jun (JZ, MN); McDowellGr (ad feeding yg @ nest cavity), 21 Jun (PAM); SaltCrk (pr feeding yg in natural cavity 20 ft up in white oak), 20 Jun (DFS); Sang (1st HY), 17 Jun (HDB); Big River SF (Henderson Co) (♀ @ nestbox w/nest), 28 May (SDB); Alhambra (Madison Co) (nesting in EABL nest box), 2 Jun (CK). **MC:** 35, LSummerset_, 17 Jun (DTW); 34, Sheffield_, 27 Jun (DFS); 32, VoloBog, 3 Jul (SMI); 32♂, Elmira Twp (Stark Co), 3



*Cliff Swallows gathering nest material.
East St. Louis. St. Clair County. 31 May 2015.
Photo by Dan Kassebaum.*

Jul (SDB); 30, New Lenox_, 22 Jun (ASA); 26, Mill Creek_, 16 Jun (DTW); 25, JubileeC, 5 Jun (EMC); 24, Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co), 15 Jul (JC); 23, Buda_, 18 Jun (JWW); 22, Pembroke, 3 Jul (RDH); 21, MArb, 25 Jun (PAM); 21, Kidd area (Monroe Co), 21 Jun (C&PD); 20, Atkinson_, 26 Jun (DFS); 18, Comlara CP, Hudson (McLean Co), 15 Jul (TG); 17, IBSP (No. & So. Units), 21 Jun (JIN, MMC et al.); 17, DPCA, 4 Jul (DFS); 16, Pratt'sWW, 16 Jul (KW); 16, Fermi, 16 Jul (GP); 16, Putnam_, 6 Jun (JIN); 16, Rock Island Trl area (Peoria Co), 20 Jun (EMC); 16, Schroeder NS (McLean Co), 21 Jun (EW); 15, LIB CA (Boone Co), 23 Jun (DTW); 15, McDowellGr, 21 Jun (PAM); 15, Eubanks_, 1 Jun (JLF); 14, Monticello_, 22 Jun (MPW). **Others:** St. Morgan_ (5), 14 Jun (KAM); Jamestown_ (8), 4 Jun (DMK); CarlL-C (8), 5 Jun (DMK); Flora_ (6), 15 Jun (CLH); near Bone Gap (Edwards Co), 2 Jun & 14 Jul (RES); Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DMK); Pyramid SP, Denmark Unit (Perry Co), 3 Jun & 13 Jul (JT & BJS resp); Neunert (Jackson Co), 1 Jun (DDM); Carterville (Williamson Co) (2), 16 Jul (JGd).

Sedge Wren

MC: 17, Fermi, 8 Jun (DSa); 10, RollinsSav, 19 Jun (JBk); 18 & 13 & 11 & 8 & 7, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 11 & 9 & 2 Jul & 26, 30 & 4, 13 Jun resp (JW); 11, Sauer FPK, 26 Jul (PAM); 10, Muirhead Wds FP (Kane Co), 19 Jul (WL); 6 (♂♂), Raccoon Crk Wet, Rockton Twp (Winnebago Co), 9 Jun (SDB); 6, Corron Farm, Campton Twp (Kane Co), 6 Jun (TBe); 5, Lyons Prairie & Marsh NP (Lake Co), 6 Jun (BJS); 5, Sedge Meadow FP (Lake Co), 5 Jul (NJT); 5, Nachusa (Hook Larson Pra), 22 Jul (DTW); 5 (♂♂), Rochester Twp (Sangamon Co), 23 Jul (HDB).

Marsh Wren

MC: 26♂♂, HennepinL (covered by canoe), 14 Jun (SDB, SLD); 24♂♂, Midsav, 15 Jul (SDB); 20, GrassL (Lake Co), 21 Jun (EEs); 18, PaulDouglas, 10 Jun (JBk); 17, Pratt'sWW, 9 Jul (GP); 13♂♂, LCal (PowderhornL FP), 10 Jun (WJM); 12, Fermi, 16 Jul (GP); 11, GooseL NA (McHenry Co), 23 Jun (CAT); 11, RedwingSl, 3 Jun (BJS); 11, Spring Bluff NP (Lake Co), 9 Jul (JLd); 11, RollinsSav, 30 Jun (BJS); 10, LincolnM NA, Wheaton (DuPage Co), 11 Jun (JLg); 9♂♂, LCal (HegewischM), 6 Jun (WJM); 9♂♂, LCal (Eggers Grove FP), 4 Jul (WJM); 9, Normantown Wet (Will Co), 26 Jun (DK); 8♂♂, GooseL CA (McHenry Co), 11 Jul (WJM, JSA et al.); 8, Jelke Crk BS (Kane Co), 18 Jul (WL); 8, Fitchie Crk FP (Kane Co), 26 Jul (WL); 8, NelsonL, 4 Jul (JW); 8♂♂, LCal (Burnham Prairie), 1 Jun (WJM).

Carolina Wren

Breeding: Knoles Rd (Menard Co) (pr w/4 fledglings), 20 Jun (MMn); Vance Twp (Vermilion Co) (3 nests, but none w/eggs; dummy nests?), Jun (JOS). **MC:** 17, Hardin, 27 Jul (WDR); 12, St. Morgan_, 14 Jun (KAM); 8, Sang, 23 Jun (HDB); 8, Columbia_, 6 Jun (KAM); 8♂♂, Twigg Twp (Hamilton Co), 23-24 Jun (SDB); 7, LaVista Pk, Godfrey (Madison Co), 13 Jul (JSI); 6, Athens_, 2 Jul (VMK); 6, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK). **Others:** GlacialPk, 23 Jul (ABk); Bowen Pk, Wauk (♂♂), 23 Jul (SDB); Highland Park (Lake Co) (♂♂), 28 Jun (DRD); MArb, 16 Jun (JZ, MN); Downers Grove (DuPage Co), 21 Jul (VS); Cantigny Pk, Wheaton (DuPage Co), 13 Jun (JC, KW); WaterfallGlen, 23-27 Jul (KW, GP); Oswego (Kendall Co), 26 Jul (WS); BraidwoodL (2), 2 Jun (JBH); Channahon SP (Will Co), 1 Jun (DFS); PerryFarm, 12 Jun - 23 Jul (JBH); Kankakee, 3 Jun - 29 Jul (JBH); Biggsville (Henderson Co) (♂♂), 28 May (SDB); Roseville (Warren Co) (♂♂), 28 May (SDB); Elmira Twp (Stark Co) (♂♂), 3 Jul (SDB).

Bewick's Wren

Gilmer Twp (Adams Co), 1 Jun (JLF); McCleansboro (Hamilton Co), 3-24 Jun (CLH:ph, RES:ph).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Breeding: Rckfd (2 prs building nests, w/one ad attacking BHCO at nest site), 7 May (DTW); IBSP (So. Unit) (ad carrying food & pr feeding lg, juv BHCO), 23 Jun & 19 Jul (AMn & AFS resp); LowdMil (pr building nest), 8 May (DTW); MArb (pr finishing nest building), 16



Sedge Wren. Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve. Lake County. 20 June 2015. Photo by Phil Hauck.



Carolina Wren. Tamalco Access Area. Bond County. 2 July 2015. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

May (EWW); West DuPage Wds FP (DuPage Co) (ad feeding begging juv), 11 Jul (LY); Salt Crk Pk FP, Wood Dale (DuPage Co) (ad carrying food), 20 Jun (ABA); SwallowCliff (pr building nearly finished nest), 8 Jun (DFS); Jarvis (ad feeding 2 fledglings), 5 Jul (LGM); JP (ad on nest), 8 Jul (PRC). **MC:** 30, Section 8 (1 ½ mile census & walk thru bald cypress/tupelo swamp), 11 Jun (SDB); 25, IBSP (So. Unit), 21 Jun (MMC); 21, MArb, 8 Jun (JZ); 20, Centennial Trl (DuPage Co), 3 Jul (JAS); 19, McDowellGr, 21 Jun (PAM); 15, JubileeC, 5 Jun (EMC); 14, COLSP, 26 Jun (BJS); 13, HL, 21 Jul (CB); 13, Hardin, 27 Jul (WDR); 12, Old School FP (Lake Co), 2 Jun (EE); 12, Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co), 6 Jun (JC); 12, McKeeM, 4 Jul (JAG); 12, Miami Wds FP (Cook Co), 28 Jun (FRM); 12, SwallowCliff, 8 Jun (DFS); 12, KatherineL NC (Cook Co), 28 Jun (LR); 12, Makanda Twp (Jackson Co), 4 Jun (SDB); 11, Reynoldswood Camp, Dixon (Lee Co), 1 Jul (SDB); 11, Busse Wds FP (Cook Co), 17 Jun (KW); 11, Rock Springs Center, Decatur (Macon Co), 18 Jul (CGi); 10, MissPalis, 21 Jun (JBi); 10, ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co), 16 Jun (KML); 10, The Grove, Glenview (Cook Co), 6 Jun (RC); 10, Knoch Knolls Pk, Naperville (Will Co), 18 Jun (DK); 10, CrystalL, 23 Jun (DLy); 10, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 28 Jun (CAT).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

NBSO: Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (♂♂), 2-16 Jun (JW:vr). There are only four other June (1, 1, 4 & 8) records, apparently all, one-day, late spring migrants. This bird appeared to be attempting to set up a breeding territory.

Eastern Bluebird

Breeding: Sugar River Alder FP (Winnebago Co) (pr w/4 fledglings), 21 Jun (DTW); Holiday Hills (McHenry Co) (pr @ nest w/6 eggs in nest box), 3 & 9 Jun, & (newly hatched yg), 13 Jun (LMr); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (pr @ nest in nest box w/5 eggs & yg fledged), 9 Jun & 3 Jul resp (RAB); Old School FP (Lake Co) (♂ next to nest box w/eggs), 1 Jul (EE); MArb (2 nests w/ yg in nest boxes & nest w/4 yg), 14 Jun & 10 Jul (JZ, MN & JZ resp); Midlothian Meadows FP (Cook Co) (♀ feeding nestlings), 8 Jun (ABA); KilldeerWet (Ad carrying food for yg), 27 Jun (WJM); JP (ad carrying nest material into cavity of crossbeam of soccer net & ad entering nest cavity), 21 & 25 Jun resp (PRC); JP (pr delivering food to yg in willow tree cavity), 8 Jul (PRC); Pembroke (pr @ nest w/2 nestlings), 6 Jun (DTW, IOS); ICCA (5 EABL boxes w/eggs & pr cop), 24 Apr & 19 Jun (JBr & JBH resp); CONWR (pr feeding nestlings at nest box), 22 Jun (WW). **MC:** 17, O'Fallon Twp (St. Clair Co), 26 Jul (KH); 15 (7♂, 3♀, 5 juvs), LostMound, 29 Jun (EB); 15, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 12, Ft. Sheridan FP (Lake Co), 1 Jul (MV); 12, Dresden Rd, Goose Lake Twp (Will Co), 19 Jul (DFS); 12, Goodenow Grove FP (Will Co), 4 Jul (WH); 11, New Boston Twp (Mercer Co), 26 Jun (DFS); 10, COLSP, 28 Jun (RBe); 10, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 20 Jul (JW); 10, Cantigny Pk, Wheaton (DuPage Co), 11 Jul (JC); 10, St. James Farm FP (DuPage Co), 27 Jun (VS); 10, Pembroke, 6 Jun & 3 Jul (GAW et al. & RDH resp).

Veery

MC: 5, LowdMil, 12 Jun (JLd, LM); 4, SwallowCliff, 8 Jun (DFS); 4, CapSauers, 11 Jun (TMM). **Others:** RockCut (2), 12 Jun (JLd, LM); MoraineHills, 4 Jul (JIN); VoloBog, 14 Jun (RS); IBSP (So. Unit), 19 Jun & 22 Jul (JLs & JLd, JVt resp); Brookville Twp (Ogle Co) (♂♂), 9-30 Jun (JZi); AmboyM, 4 Jul (SH); St. James Farm FP (DuPage Co) (2), 24-27 Jun (GP, KW); Spring Crk Valley FP (Cook Co), 11 Jun (WP); Red Gate So. FP (Cook Co) (2), 21 Jun (DFS).

Wood Thrush

MC: 14, PineHills, 13 Jul (DDM); 12 (9+♂), 9 Sang (mostly Spfld) locations, 3 – 30 Jun (HDB); 9, Pleasant Grove Twp (Coles Co), 9 Jun (GT); 8, CapSauers, 19 Jun (TMM); 8, Belknap, 11 Jun (VMK); 7, Dan Wright Wds FP (Lake Co), 22 Jun (AWS); 7, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 21 & 27 Jun (JW); 7 (♂♂), Carper Rd (Grundy Co), 27 Jun (SC); 7, Pomona Twp (Jackson Co), 27 Jun (KAM); 6, Elsen'sHill, 12 Jul (PAM); 6, ICCA, 19 Jun (JBH); 6, Lincoln Trl SP (Clark Co), 2 Jun (CAT); 6, Columbia, 6 Jun (KAM); 6, Hardin, 27 Jul (WDR); 5, McDowellGr, 24 Jun (PAM); 6, TOT, 29 Jun (DDM); 5, Tyler Crk FP (Kane Co), 19 Jul (PR); 5, Elburn FP (Kane Co), 10 Jul (PAM); 5, AmboyM, 4 Jul (SH); 5, WaterfallGlen, 4 Jun (GP); 5, Athens, 2 Jul (VMK); 5, Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co), 11 Jun & 23 Jul (GT); 5, LaVista Pk, Godfrey (Madison Co), 13 Jul (JSI); 5, BeaverdamL, 10 Jun (VMK).

American Robin

Breeding: NygrenWet (ads carrying food for yg), 27 Jun (DTW, BCW); MoraineHills (nest w/2+ yg), 21 Jun (VM); Antioch (Lake Co) (ad carrying food), 3 Jun (JLs); Old School FP (Lake Co) (ad on nest), 1 Jul (EE); Aurora West FP (ad carrying food to yg), 11 Jul (PAM); MARb (ad carrying nest material), 20 Jun (KW); Salt Crk Pk FP, Wood Dale (DuPage Co) (ad carrying food for yg), 20 Jun (ABA); Evanston (Cook Co) (♀ feeding 2 juv & ad incubating on nest in viburnum), 3 & 4 Jun (RDR); CBG (2 ads carrying food for yg), 13 Jun (ABA); Wolf Rd Pra NP (Cook Co) (ad carrying food for yg), 1 Jun (SDB); Oak Park (Cook Co) (ad gathering nest material), 13 & 29 Jun (EDG); Irving Park, Chi (pr feeding 4 nestlings @ nest), 27 - 31 Jul (DKA); Columbus Pk, Chi (ad feeding fledgling), 19 Jul (EDG); Montrose (ad on nest & 3 recent fledglings), 25 Jun (GAW); JP (♀ carrying nest material), 23 Jun (RLS); Reynoldswood Camp, Dixon (Lee Co) (ad on nest), 1 Jul (SDB); Crystal Lk Pk, Urbana (ad carrying food for yg), 21 Jun (DS); Norris City (White Co) (ad on nest), 7 & 21 Jun (SSe).

MC: 204, New Lenox, 22 Jun (ASA); 171, Buda, 18 Jun (JWW); 162, Troy Grove, 20 Jun (JAS); 148, Jamestown, 4 Jun (DMK); 145, Itasca, 20 Jun (JIN); 137, Atkinson, 26 Jun (DFS); 134, LSummerset, 17 Jun (DTW); 130 & 100 & 80, Columbus Pk, Chi, 19 Jul & 28 & 11 Jun resp (EDG); 129, MARb, 1 Jun (GP); 121, Streator, 6 Jun (JAS); 118, Sheffield, 27 Jun (DFS); 118, Troy Grove, 20 Jun (JAS); 117, Monticello, 22 Jun (MPW); 109, Waynesville, 29 Jun (VMK); 102, Pontiac, 19 Jun (VMK); 96 & 56, Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co), 15 & 8 Jul (JC & LP resp); 96, Dudleyville, 12 Jun (DMK); 94, St. Morgan, 14 Jun (KAM); 93, Pratt'sWW, 16 Jul (KW); 93, Fairbury, 18 Jun (VMK); 81, Stillwell, 5 Jun (VMK); 79, Sherburnville, 6 Jun (JBH); 77, Busse Wds FP (Cook Co), 17 Jun (KW); 70, Humboldt Pk, Chi, 17 Jul (SBB). **Notes:** Speaking of two far southern Illinois BBS routes, "from 2012 to 2015 there were only 4, 7, 3, & 2 AMRO



*Bewick's Wren. McLeansboro.
Hamilton County. 3 June 2015.
Photo by Leroy Harrison.*

(recorded), respectively, on the BeaverdamL route; and 6, 3, 2 & 4 respectively on the Pulaski route. It's hard to believe you can drive 49 miles (two routes combined) and see very few robins" (VMK); "Dawn chorus ceased 27 Jul and they started roosting in cornfields by 29 Jul" (HDB).

Gray Catbird

Breeding: LIB CA (Boone Co) (pr w/3 fledged yg), 23 Jun (DTW); MARb (ad feeding fledgling), 11 Jul (JZ); GreeneVal (ad feeding fledgling), 18 Jun (PAM); Montrose (nest w/3 yg), 19 Jul (LGM); Jarvis (2 fledglings), 21 Jul (LGM); LCal (O'Brien L&D) (juv), 8 Jul (WJM); Kankakee (ad w/food), 25 Jul (JBH); Sang (HY), 23 Jun (HDB); River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (carrying food for yg), 30 Jun (DU). **MC:** 37, Pembroke, 3 Jul (RDH); 28, Sheffield, 27 Jun (DFS); 25, Pratt'sWW, 16 Jul (KW); 25, GreeneVal, 1 Jul (MAM); 24, John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 20 Jun (RLS); 23 & 15, Boone Crk CA (McHenry Co), 9 Jul & 3 Jun resp (SMn); 22, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 20 Jun (JW); 21, DPCA, 4 Jul (DFS); 18, West Chicago Pra FP (DuPage Co), 4 Jul (MB); 18, CapSauers, 11 & 19 Jun (TMM); 18, Eubanks, 1 Jun (JLF); 17, McDowellGr, 21 Jun (PAM); 16, ICCA, 17 Jun (JBH); 16, JubileeC, 5 Jun (EMC); 15, VoloBog, 3 Jul (SMI); 15, Fermi, 16 Jul (GP); 15, Blackwell FP (DuPage Co), 1 Jul (HD); 15, HennepinL, 14 Jun (DFS); 15, DuPageR Trl (Will Co), 10 Jul (VS); 15, Comlara CP, Hudson (McLean Co), 15 Jul (TG); 15, Sang, 6 & 23 Jun (HDB). **Others:** St. Morgan, 5, 14 Jun (KAM); Swan Pond Rd (Jackson Co), 24 Jul (WDR); Big Muddy Levee Rd (Union Co), 24 Jul (WDR).

Brown Thrasher

Breeding: Raven Glen FP (Lake Co) (ad carrying food), 17 Jun (JLs); Old School FP (Lake Co) (ad feeding berries to 2 juv), 23 Jul (EE); McDowellGr (pr feeding juv), 21 Jun (PAM); Steelworkers Pk, Chi (pr incl one carrying food for yg), 21 Jul (RLS); Chebanse (Iroquois Co) (pr building nest outside home window), 19 Apr (fide RLJ). **MC:** 14, Midewin, 3 Jul (DFS); 13, Eubanks, 1 Jun (JLF); 12, Columbia, 6 Jun (KAM); 12, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DMK); 11, Atkinson, 26 Jun (DFS); 10, Palmyra Twp (Lee Co), 12 Jun (JH); 10, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 21 Jun (JW); 10, BeaverdamL, 10 Jun (VMK); 9, John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 20 Jun (RLS); 9, 87th St steel mills, Chi, 18 Jul (AGI, EG, EDG); 8, LostMound, 13 Jun (EB); 7, SugarR Alder Tract FP (Winnebago Co), 21 Jun (DTW); 7, Newport Twp (Lake Co), 28 Jun (BJS); 7, AmboyM, 4 Jul (SH); 7, GreeneVal, 12 Jun (EHe); 7, Sheffield, 27 Jun (DFS); 7, Belknap, 11 Jun (VMK).

Northern Mockingbird

Breeding: Steelworkers Pk, Chi (pr w/2 begging yg), 10 Jul (SBB); 87th St steel mills, Chi (ad carrying food), 27 Jul (EDG, EG, AGI); Amoco Rd, Channahon (Will Co) (pr w/2 yg), 18 Jul (JLc); Havana Twp (Mason Co) (ad @ nest w/3 newly hatched yg & 1 unhatched egg in roadside, overgrown fencerow in grapevine tangle), 9 Jul (SDB). **MC:** 25, Columbia, 6 Jun (KAM); 21, Belknap, 11 Jun (VMK); 19, Jamestown, 4 Jun (DMK); 14, St. Morgan, 14 Jun (KAM); 9, Edwards, 4 Jun & 6 Jul (RES); 7, Pembroke, 3 Jul (RDH); 7, Pulaski,



*Northern Mockingbird nest with young.
Havana. Mason County. 8 July 2015.
Photo by Steven D. Bailey.*

12 Jun (VMK); 6, St. Ellen Mine Pk, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 7 Jun (RFn); 5, Midewin, 22 Jul (JAS); 5, Flora, 15 Jun (CLH); 5, Carmi Twp (White Co), 24 Jun (SDB). **Others:** LostMound (4), 13 Jun (EB); Rckfd Apt, 25 Jun (TLe, DTW); LIB CA (Boone Co) (♂♂), 23 Jun (DTW); Woodstock (McHenry Co), 23 Jul (ABk); IBSP (No. Unit), 6 Jun (SML); IBSP (So. Unit) (1 - 2), 8 Jun - 8 Aug (PWS, AWS, AFS et al.); Springbrook GC, Naperville (DuPage Co), 9 Jun (JAS, DK); Schaumburg (Cook Co) (♂♂), 11 Jul (EES); Montrose, 3 Jun (LGM); Humboldt Pk, Chi, 17 Jul (SBB); Chi (So. Lake Shore Dr), 11 Jun (CGi, DK et al.); JP (♂♂), 16 Jun (RLS:ph); 87th St steel mills, Chi (1-3), 3 - 30 Jun (EDG, AGI m.ob.), but up to 5 birds there, 6 - 30 Jul (EDG, AGI); Steelworkers Pk, Chi (2 - 3), 13 Jun - 12 Jul (JIE, MMC, EDG m.ob.); Wauponsee Glacial Trl (Will Co) (2), 5 Jun (DZ); Kansas Twp (Woodford Co), 21 Jun (PHF); Athens, (3), 2 Jul (VMK); Sang (4), 6 Jun (HDB); I-74, Champaign (2), 2 Jun (IB); Urbana (U of I campus), 13 Jun (BNk); Vance Twp (Vermilion Co) (pr), 21 Jun (fide JOS).

European Starling

MC: 630, Palmer & Stringtown Rds (Monroe Co), 27 Jun (CM, JM); 450, Douglas Pk, Chi, 9 Jul (EDG); 400, Miller Meadows FP (Cook Co), 8 Jul (EDG); 350, Meadowbrook Pk, Urbana, 14 Jul (RD); 310, MomenceSod, 21 Jul (JBH); 288, Jamestown, 4 Jun (DMK); 240, 87th St steel mills, Chi, 8 Jun (EDG, AGI); 235, Carbondale (Jackson Co), 24 Jul (WDR); 231, Montrose, 29 Jun (GAW); 200, Kenyon Farm FP (Kane Co), 11 Jul (JW); 200, Monee (Will Co), 16 Jul (GT); 200, ESTL, 21 Jun (DMK); 180, Humboldt Pk, Chi, 17 Jul (SBB); 175, Rckfd Apt, 25 Jun (DTW); 170, LCal (Eggers Grove FP), 10 Jul (DFS); 150, Palmyra Twp (Lee Co), 16 Jun (JH); 150, Sugar Grove (Kane Co), 20 Jul (PAM); 150, Seven Hickory Twp (Coles Co), 22 Jul (GT); 140, Gar Crk Trl, Kankakee, 17 Jun (JBH); 140, ECapeGir, 19 Jun (JT); 139, Fermi, 16 Jul (GP); 138, Monticello, 22 Jun (MPW); 135, BannerM, 11 Jun (EMC); 132, Beaucoup, 2 Jun (DMK); 125, Bluff Spring Fen NP (Cook Co), 25 Jul (MMg); 125, WhispWil, 2 Jul (JBH).

Cedar Waxwing

Breeding: LSummerset (ad feeding fledgling), 17 Jun (DTW); VoloBog (ad on nest), 20 Jun (BBs); IBSP (No. Unit) (ad carrying nest material), 11 Jun (AMn); MARb (ad on nest), 1 Jul (SPv); Lake in the Woods, Downers Grove (DuPage Co) (ad feeding fledgling), 11 Jul (LRe); McDowellGr (nest w/3 nestlings), 3 Jul (PAM); Spring Crk Valley Headwaters FP (Cook Co) (ad on nest in Burr Oak), 19 Jun (DFS); CBG (pr bringing food to nest), 13 Jun (ABA:ph); Oak Park (Cook Co) (recent fledgling), 22 Jul (EDG); ColumbusPk, Chi (2 broods incl ad feeding 3 fledglings), 23 Jul (EDG); LRSNC (ad on nest), 19 Jun (RLS). **MC:** 51, John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 20 Jun (RLS); 45, Montrose, 8 Jul (DKA); 40, Buffalo Pk FP (Kane Co), 27 Jul (PR); 35, Burnham Pk, Chi, 2 Jun (DFS); 34, New Lenox, 22 Jun (ASA); 30, MoraineHills, 23 Jun (MS); 30, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 2 Jul (JW); 30, FoxR Shores FP (Kane Co), 5 Jul (WL); 30, HennepinL, 13 Jun (NJT et al.); 30, 87th St steel mills, Chi, 27 Jul (EDG, EG); 27, Pratt'sWW, 19 Jun (KW); 27, Fullersburg Wds FP (DuPage Co), 8 Jul (LP); 27,



Partially albino American Goldfinch. Catlin. Vermilion County. 16 July 2015. Photo by Bob Schifo.

American Goldfinch nest. Foley Sand Prairie Nature Preserve. Lee County. 30 July 2015. Photo by Steven D. Bailey.



MARb, 1 Jun (DK, GP); 27, Jarvis, 29 Jul (LGM); 26, COLSP, 28 Jun (RBe); 26, Pratt'sWW, 16 Jul (KW); 26, Gar Crk Trl, Kankakee, 14 Jun (JBH); 25, RollinsSav, 21 Jun (GAW et al.); 25, CarpentersvilleD (Kane Co), 24 Jun (PR); 25, SkokieR Pr, Northfield (Cook Co), 21 Jun (MV).

House Sparrow

Breeding: Holiday Hills (McHenry Co) (ad feeding 2 juvs), 1 Jun (LMr); Franklin School, Glen Ellyn (DuPage Co) (♂ feeding recent fledgling), 5 Jun (KSe); Harvester Pk, Burr Ridge (DuPage Co) (ad w/ juv BHCO), 2 Jul (DK, LP); Wolf Rd Pra NP (Cook Co) (♂ carrying food to gourd nest cavity), 3 Jun (LP); Oak Park (Cook Co) (fledgling & recent fledgling), 5 Jun & 12 Jul resp (EDG); Chi (Irving Park) (♂ carrying nest material), 27 Jun (DKA); Riis Pk, Chi (♀ carrying nest material & a fledgling), 6 Jun (EDG); Krisdala Baka Rest Area, I-74 (Henry Co) (multiple prs nesting in lg globular nests in trees), 29 May (SDB); Quincy (Adams Co) (♀ feeding fledgling), 16 Jun (EBr); Augerville (Champaign Co) (♂ carrying nest material), 1 Jun (DS).

MC: 354, Jamestown, 4 Jun (DMK); 287, Atkinson, 26 Jun (DFS); 226, Beaucoup, 2 Jun (DMK); 204 & 105, Chi (Irving Park), 30 Jul & 8 Jun resp (DKA); 200, ESTL, 21 Jun (DMK); 191, Itasca, 20 Jun (JIN); 118, Dudleyville, 12 Jun (DMK); 114, New Lenox, 22 Jun (ASA); 109, Sheffield, 27 Jun (DFS); 104, Mercer, 26 Jun (DFS); 100, St. Morgan, 14 Jun (KAM).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

Breeding: Alhambra (Madison Co) (nesting in 3 EABL nestboxes incl ad feeding fledgling & pr near nest in EABL nestbox w/yg), 2 & 29 Jun resp (CK); HL (ad carrying food into natural cavity w/ yg heard inside), 20 Jul (JCm). **MC:** 30, HL, 4 Jun (DMK:ph); 20, Dudleyville, 12 Jun (DMK); 20, Chau, 17 Jun (ASA, JL); 12, New Boston & Eliza Twps (Mercer Co), 26 Jun (DFS); 10, Hagener Twp (Cass Co), 26 - 28 Jun (FS et al.); 7,

Buda, 18 Jun (JWW); 7, TwoRivers, 2 Jun (KH); 6, Eubanks, 1 Jun (JLF); 5, Emiquon, 17 Jun (ASA, JL). **Others:** L&D 13 (Whiteside Co) (2), 13 Jun (EB); L&D 16 (Rock Island Co) (4), 18 Jun (BD); Atkinson, (2), 26 Jun (DFS); Monmouth WTP (Warren Co) (4), 10 Jul (JR); Worth Twp (Woodford Co) (2), 11 Jul (TH); Quincy (Adams Co) (3), 21 Jun (RCy); Payson, (4), 2 Jun (JLF); Sang (4), 26 Jul (HDB).



Eurasian Tree Sparrow. Horseshoe Lake Recreation Area. Madison County. 4 June 2015. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

*Worm-eating Warbler. Stephen A. Forbes
State Park. Marion County. 30 June 2015.
Photo by Leroy Harrison.*



House Finch

Breeding: IBSP (No. Unit) (♀ feeding juv), 10 Jul (AMn); Oak Park (Cook Co) (♀ w/begging fledgling), 17 Jun (EDG). **MC:** 80 & 40, Air Station Pra, Glenview (Cook Co), 17 & 2 Jul resp (SC); 29, Tobey PrinzB Pk, Chi, 23 Jul (PP); 28, Kankakee, 18 Jul (JBH); 23, New Lenox, 22 Jun (ASA); 22, Rock Springs NC, Decatur (Macon Co), 21 Jul (KHD); 21, Wilmette (Cook Co), 14 Jun (SD); 21, Columbia, 6 Jun (KAM); 20, LSummerset, 17 Jun (DTW); 15, Charleston (Coles Co), 4 Jun (OJ). **Others:** Yellow variant: LincPk, Marovitz GC & Montrose, 4 & 27 Jun resp (LGM).

Red Crossbill

RockCut, 18 Jul (EES).

Pine Siskin

Breeding: Wheaton feeder (DuPage Co) (2+ juv, one being fed by ad @ feeder in Jul), 8 Jun - 8 Aug (VMn:ph). **MC:** 5, Wheaton feeder (DuPage Co), 8 Jun - 3 Jul (VM). **Others:** Lake Zurich feeder (Lake Co) (2), 9 Jun (MS); Lake Bluff (Lake Co) (pr), Apr - 20 Jun (EEs); GreeneVal, 5 Jun (JAS); Elmhurst (DuPage Co) (♀), 5 Jul (ASn); Evanston, feeder (Cook Co), 1 Jun (FRM); Fullersburg Wds FP (DuPage Co), 3 Jun (KW); Naperville feeder (DuPage Co) (1-2), 1 Jun - 14 Jul (DK); Buffalo Grove feeder (Cook Co), 21 Jun (CHr); LaGrange Highlands feeder (Cook Co) (2-3), 2 - 9 Jun (SR). Many of these records likely represent breeding birds.

American Goldfinch

Breeding: Jarrett Pra NP (Ogle Co) (pr cop), 19 Aug (KD); Foley Sand Pra NP (Lee Co) (ad on nest w/6 AMGO eggs), 30 Jul (SDB); Fermi (recently fledged yg begging for food), 12 Aug (MN); Marb (ad carrying nest material & ad feeding juv), 2 Jul & 25 Aug resp (JZ); DuPageR Greenway (DuPage Co) (♂ feeding ♀ & cop), 10 Jul (VS); Salt Crk Pk FP, Wood Dale (DuPage Co) (ad feeding juv), 8 Aug (VM); Swift Pra NP (DuPage Co) (♀ carrying nest material), 3 Jul (VS); Columbus Pk, Chi (fledgling), 23 Jul (EDG); Montrose (♀ feeding nestlings), 6 Aug (LGM); MeadbrkPk (nest w/3 nestlings), 27 Aug (DU). **MC:** 75, RockCut, 3 Jun (DTW); 58, Boone Crk CA (McHenry Co), 9 Jul (SMn); 50 (actual count), MidSav, 15 Jul (SDB); 43, Spring Crk Valley Headwaters FP (Cook Co), 2 Jul (JVt); 41, RollinsSav, 22 Jul (BF); 40, 87th St steel mills, Chi, 14 Jul (AGI, EDG); 39 & 30, GreeneVal, 8 Jul & 9 Jun resp (MAM); 38, ArlingtonWet, Pontoon Beach (Madison Co), 19 Jul (CK); 36, Marb, 20 Jul (JSp, JZ); 35, LowdMil, 20 Jul (JCo); 34 & 25 (flock), IBSP (So. Unit), 2 Jul & 24 Jun (AWS & BSk resp); 33, Boone Crk CA (McHenry Co), 3 Jun (SMn); 32, Pleasant Valley CA (McHenry Co), 9 Jun & 9 Jul (JA); 32, Midewin, 23 Jul (ASA, DK); 30, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 11 Jul (JW); 30, CBG, 11 Jun (HS); 30, Buda, 18 Jun (JWW); 30, OakwoodBot, 6 Jul (RP); 28, Bartel, 11 Jun (PL); 28, Mercer, 26 Jun (DFS); 26, Leroy Oakes FP (Kane Co), 14 Jun (CMn); 25, ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co), 27 Jul (KML); 25, Fermi, 16 Jul (GP). **Other:** Mostly white, leucistic bird at feeder, Catlin (Vermilion Co), 16 Jul (BSO:ph).

Ovenbird

MC: 20, LowdMil, 2 Jun (JCL); 10 (♂), ArgyleL SP (McDonough Co), 25 May (EWW); 6, MissPalis, 23 Jun (BD); 6, MacArthur Wds NP (Lake Co), 20 Jun (GH); 4, AmboyM, 4 Jul (SH); 4, Pomona, 27 Jun (KAM); 4, PineHills, 2 Jul (DTW).

Worm-eating Warbler

Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (2), 5 Jun (OJ); Forbes SRA (2), 25 & 30 Jun (CLH). **Note:** Again, very poorly reported from the hill & ravine forests within the SNF where this species is one of the more common breeding birds.

Louisiana Waterthrush

Breeding: Marb (pr w/2-3 begging yg), 26 Jun (PAM). **MC:** 9, Alexander, 28 Jul (WDR); 4 (2 pr), Singing Wds NP (Peoria Co), 2 Jun (EMC); 4, Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co), 5 Jun (OJ); 4 (2♂), Makanda Twp (Jackson Co), 4 Jun (SDB); 4, Pomona Twp (Jackson Co), 27

Jun (KAM). **Others:** Marb (♂), 16 May - 26 Jun (PAM et al.); McClaughrey Spring Wds FP (Cook Co) (1 - 2), 3 - 15 Jun (DKA, FRM, JBk et al.); ArgyleL SP (McDonough Co) (3 territories incl pr & 2 other ♂s), 25 May (EWW).

Blue-winged Warbler

MC: 5, John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 20 Jun (RLS); 3, Grant Wds FP (Lake Co), 1 Jun (BJS); 3, Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), 7 Jun (JLd, LM); 3, CapSauers, 8 & 16 Jun (TMM); 3, KCP, 3 Jul (JN). **Other:** Centennial Pk (Spfld) (♂), 26 Jul (HDB).

Black-and-white Warbler

MC: 3 (♂), FR 1966, SNF (Hardin Co), 13 Jun (LMA). **Others:** Crawford Rd (Lake Co) (♂), 10 Jun (BJS); Montrose (late migrant?), 19 - 27 Jun (DKA, JIE:ph et al.:ph); Timber Twp (Peoria Co), 8 Jun (EMC); Pomona Twp (Jackson Co) (♂), 27 Jun (KAM, NJT et al.).

Prothonotary Warbler

MC: 49 (43♂), Section 8 (1 ½ mile census & walk thru bald cypress/tupelo swamp), 11 Jun (SDB); 18♂, HarrissL, Pinckneyville (Perry Co), 3 Jun (SDB); 14, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DMK); 14, PineHills, 7 Jun (NS, CW); 13, CarlL-F, 6 Jun (MSS); 11, TwoRivers, 2 Jun (KH); 8, OakwoodBot, 1 Jun (DDM); 8, HeronPond, 28 Jun (KAM m.ob.); 5, MomenceWet, 2 Jun (GAW); 5, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 28 Jun (CAT); 5, MermetL, 2 Jul (KAM et al.). **Others:** Rockton Rd Bridge, RockR, Rockton (Winnebago Co) (♂), 8 Jun (SDB); McHenryD, (pr), 2 Jun - 4 Jul (DC, MC, JA, AFS et al.); VoloBog (♀), 3 Jul (SMI); MacArthur Wds NP (Lake Co) (4 & 3), 20 & 6 Jun resp (GH); Dan Wright Wds FP (Lake Co), 22 Jun (AWS); UMRNWR (SpringL) (3), 4 Jun (EB); So. Elgin/ FoxR Bike Trl (Kane Co) (♂), 21 Jun (BK); Pratt'sWW, 10 Jul (PAM); Centennial/ I&M Canal Trl, Downers Grove (DuPage Co) (2), 21 Jun (MAM); Skokie Lagoons FP (Cook Co) (2 - 3), 4 - 21 Jun (SC et al.); McKinley Wds FP (Will Co) (♂), 1 & 5 Jun (DFS & JSr); Sunset Marina, Rock Island (Rock Island Co) (♂), 22 Jun (BD); Bottom Rd (Putnam Co), 6 Jul (DFS); Thorn Crk NP (Will Co), 26 Jun (SZ); LSpfld (Marine Pt) & Riverside Pk (Spfld) (HY), 3 & 27 Jul resp (HDB).

Tennessee Warbler

NBSO: Montrose, 19 Jul (ASA:ph).

Kentucky Warbler

MC: 10, PineHills, 2 & 12 Jul (DTW & BJS resp); 8, Hardin, 27 Jul (WDR); 7 (5♂), Twigg Twp (Hamilton Co), 23-24 Jun (SDB); 6 (pr & 4♂), JubileeC, 5 Jun (EMC); 6, Giant City SP (Jackson Co), 27 Jun (ASA); 6, Alexander, 28 Jul (WDR). **Others:** MissPalis (3), 2 - 21 Jun (EB & JBi); KCP (2), 3 Jul (JN); FGP (2), 19 Jul (NS); Putnam Co CA (2), 13 Jun (DBJ, NJT); New Salem SP (Menard Co), 20 Jun (DHh); Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co), 2 - 11 Jun (GT); Sang (4 singles), 3, 13, 17 & 23 Jun (HDB). **Note:** The most common warbler in forested habitats in far southern Illinois, yet few reports & only a few birds noted as MC. Would be easy to tally 25 - 50 birds of this species in a day of birding forest habitat in far southern Illinois.

Common Yellowthroat

Breeding: GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (ads feeding 2 fledgling BHCO), 12 Jul (JP); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (pr feeding juv BHCO), 8 Aug (RAB); Del Monte Ponds, Rochelle (Ogle Co) (♂ w/yg juv BHCO), 8 Aug (DTW); Pratt'sWW (pr carrying food), 20 Jun (GP); Marb (family group incl pr w/2 juv), 10 Aug (JZ); Fermi (recently fledged yg), 22 Jul (MN); Izaak Walton Pr, Homewood (Cook Co) (♀ feeding juv BHCO), 4 Jul (PL); KilldeerWet (pr carrying food for yg), 27 Jun (WJM); Montrose (♀ carrying nest material), 1 Jun (GAW); Montgomery Twp (Woodford Co) (♂ carrying food), 10 Jun (MEF); St. Joseph Wet (Champaign Co) (pr incl ♀ carrying food), 26 Jul (DS). **MC:** 77 & 38, HennepinL, 6 Jul & 13 Jun resp (DFS); 69 & 46, Fermi, 16 Jul & 8 Jun (GP & DSa resp); 50, RollinsSav, 21 Jun (GAW et al.); 42, Muirhead Springs FP (Kane Co), 19 Jul (WL); 36, Carlyle - F, 6 Jun (MSS); 43 & 35, Boone Crk CA (McHenry Co), 9 Jul & 3 Jun resp (SMn); 35, Pembroke, 3 Jul (RDH); 34, DPCA, 4 Jul (DFS); 31, Pleasant Valley CA (McHenry Co), 21 Jun (RBe); 31, Fitchie Crk FP

(Kane Co), 26 Jul (WL); 29, Pratt'sWW, 16 Jul (KW); 27, COLSP, 28 Jun (RBe); 27, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 13 Jun (JW); 27 (2♂♂), Hume Twp (Whiteside Co), 2 Jul (SDB); 27, NelsonL, 4 Jul (BA et al.); 27, s. Monroe, 27 Jun (CM, JM); 26♂, Rockton Twp (Winnebago Co), 9 Jun (SDB); 25, GooseL CA (McHenry Co), 10 Jul (DN); 25, VoloBog, 3 Jul (SMI); 25, SunL FP (Lake Co), 22 Jul (RBe).

Hooded Warbler

Breeding: Bemis Wds No. FP (Cook Co) (pr cop), 12 Jul (DFS). **MC:** 7 & 5, CapSauers, 8 Jul & 11 Jun resp (TMM); 5♂♂, RockCut, 3 Jun (DTW); 5, PineHills, 12 Jul (BJS); 4, SwallowCliff, 8 & 28 Jun (DFS); 3, Bemis Wds No. FP (Cook Co) (3; 2♂♂, ♀), 12 Jul (DFS); 3, Hickory Ridge Rd, Cedar Crk bridge (Jackson Co), 27 Jun (TW, NJT et al.). **Others:** COLSP (♂♂), 6 - Jun - 2 Jul (BJS et al.); Lyons Prairie & Marsh NP (Lake Co), 6 Jun (BJS); Crawford Rd (Lake Co) (2), 16 Jun (JLs); Ryerson, 20 Jun & 4 Jul (GH & BJS resp); Dan Wright Wds FP (Lake Co), 22 Jun - 12 Jul (AWS, BJS, JIN et al.); MissPalis, 23 Jun (BD); Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (♂♂), 6 - 16 Jun (JW); MArb (2 locations), 1 Jun - 4 Jul (TL, PAM, JZ, MN et al.); St. James Farm FP (DuPage Co) (1 - 2 ♂♂), 22 - 27 Jun (GP, KW, JC et al.); Spring Crk Valley FP (Cook Co), 13 Jun (WP); Tomlin Timber NP (Mason Co) (♂♂), 27 Jun (MJW); Knoles Rd (Menard Co), 7 Jun - 24 Jul (MMn); New Salem SP (Menard Co), 20 Jun (DHh); Spfld (Washington Pk) (♂♂), 1 Jun (HDB); TOT (2), 29 Jun (DDM).

American Redstart

Breeding: McHenryD (pr feeding 2 nestlings), 16 Jun (DC, MC). **MC:** 20, Lake Le-Aqua-Na SP (Stephenson Co), 5 Jun (EB); 15, JubileeC, 5 Jun (EMC); 15, Pomona Twp (Jackson Co), 19 & 27 Jun (KAM); 13 & 7, COLSP, 6 & 26 Jun resp (BJS); 12, MomenceWet, 2 Jun (GAW et al.); 10, UMRNWR (SpringL), 4 Jun (EB); 8, Santa Fe Btms (Clinton Co), 14 Jun (MSS); 6 & 5, Bigl, Milan (Rock Island Co), 4 Jul & 7 Jun (NHd); 6, Miller-Anderson NP (Bureau Co), 13 Jun (NJT, DBJ); 6, CarlL-B, 15 Jun (MSS); 5, McHenryD, 6 Jun (KML, SI); 5, L&D 13, 23 Jun (EB); 5, UMRNWR (Thomson Causeway), 13 Jun (EB); 5, Bureau Crk Btms (Bureau Co), 6 Jul (DFS); **LD:** 27 & 16 Jun, Montrose (JIE & BHg resp); 21 Jun (imm ♂), Chi (Columbus Pk) (EDG); 21 Jun, JP (BHg); 15 Jun (2♂♂), Chi (Douglas Pk) (EDG). **Others:** RockCut (3), 1 Jun & 11 Jul (DTW & ASA resp); RockR, Hume Twp (Winnebago Co) (3♂♂), 1 Jul (SDB); LIB CA (Boone Co) (4), 23 Jun (DTW); ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co), 3 Jul (KML); Virgil Gilman Trl (Kane Co) (3), 28 Jun (SAC); Pratt'sWW (2), 8 & 10 Jun (PAM); Montrose, 12 Jul (ASA:ph); JP (1st yr ♂♂), 16 Jun (RLS); DuPageR Greenway (Will Co) (3), 10 Jul (VS); McKinley Wds FP (Will Co) (♂♂), 1 Jun (DFS); Johnson Sauk Trl SP (Henry Co) (2), 26 Jun (BD); Hennepin Canal Parkway Trl (Bureau Co), 12 Jun (TH); StarvedRock (Illinois Canyon) (3♂♂), 4 Jul (VM); St. Morgan_ (3), 14 Jun (KAM); AMAX, 16 Jun (CLH).

Cerulean Warbler

MC: 5, Pomona Twp (Jackson Co), 19 & 27 Jun (KAM); 4, MissPalis, 2 Jun (EB). **Others:** Boone, 23 Jun (DTW); IBSP (No. Unit) (♂♂), 8 - 13 Jun (ASA, RBe et al.); McClaughrey Spring FP (Cook Co) (♂♂), 9 Jun (AFS); Miller - Anderson NP, 13 Jun (DBJ, NJT); Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co), 28 Jun (CLH). **Note:** "Species is gone from long-time former nesting sites at Sugar River FP and RockCut in Winnebago Co" (DTW).

Northern Parula

Breeding: MArb (pr w/2 juv), 25 Jul (PAM). **MC:** 11, PineHills, 12 Jul (BJS); 10♂♂, Makanda Twp (Jackson Co), 4 Jun (SDB); 9♂♂, Section 8 (1 ½ mile census & walk thru bald cypress/tupelo swamp), 11 Jun (SDB); 8, Giant City SP (Jackson Co), 27 Jun (ASA); 8, Pomona Twp (Jackson Co), 27 Jun (KAM); 7, Carpenter Pk, Spfld, 5 Jun (CL); 7, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 28 Jun (CAT); 6, CarlL-C, 18 Jun (DMK); 4, St. Morgan_, 14 Jun (KAM); 4, Hardin, 27 Jul (WDR). **Others:** MissPalis (2), 2 Jun (EB); RockCut, 3 Jun (DTW); LIB CA (Boone Co), 23 Jun

(DTW); McHenryD, 6 Jun - 4 Jul (KML, JIN); Loud Thunder FP (Rock Island Co), 18 Jun (BD); Reynoldswood Camp, Dixon (Lee Co) (2♂♂), 1 Jul (SDB); Ferson Crk Fen (Kane Co), 3 & 13 Jun (JLg); MArb, 1 Jun - 9 Jul (PAM, GP, DK et al.); West DuPage Wds FP (DuPage Co) (♂♂), 9 Jun (LY); Westchester (Cook Co) (♂♂), 8 Jun (DFS); LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (♂♂), 5 Jun (LGM, FRM); McClaughrey Spring FP (Cook Co) (♂♂), 1 Jun - 12 Jul (LM, TL, KW et al.); Loud Thunder FP (Rock Island Co) (2♂♂), 26 Jun (DFS); HennepinL (3), 14 Jun (DFS); StarvedRock (2), 13 Jun (KW); Wauponsee Township, (Grundy Co), 9 Jun (JLg); McKinley Wds FP (Will Co) (♂♂), 1 Jun (DFS); MomenceWet, 2 & 6 Jun (GAW); KankakeeR SP (Kankakee Co), 2 Jun (JBH); PerryFarm (3 & 2♂♂), 4 & 20 Jun resp (JBH); Black Partridge Pk, Metamora (Woodford Co), 15 Jul (TH); Moraine View SP (McLean Co) (♂♂), 21 Jun (EW); Millbrook Twp (Peoria Co), 30 Jun (EMC); Singing Wds NP (Peoria Co) (3), 2 Jun (EMC); Leslie Rutherford Pk, Radnor Twp (Peoria Co) (2), 15 Jun (EMC); Hollis Twp (Peoria Co) (3), 8 Jun (EMC); Camp Wokanda, Peoria (Peoria Co), 3 & 13 Jun (EMC & AFS resp); Rock Island Trl (Peoria Co) (2), 7 Jun (EMC); Peoria (2), 16 Jun (EMC); Forest Pk NC, Peoria (Peoria Co), 28 Jun (EMC); Bradley Pk, West Peoria (Peoria Co), 6 Jun (EMC); AndersonL SRA (Fulton Co), 4 Jun - 13 Jul (CL); Payson_ (3), 2 Jun (JLF); FGP (3), 19 Jul (NS).



*Yellow Warbler feeding young at nest.
Palos Preserves. Cook County. 6 June 2015.
Photo by Wes Serafin.*

Yellow Warbler

Breeding: Lake Villa (Lake Co) (pr feeding 2-3 yg), 16 Jul (RAB); GreeneVal (ad feeding a BHCO), 16 Jun (JAS); Swift Pra NP (DuPage Co) (♀ carrying food to yg), 3 Jul (VS); Blackwell FP (DuPage Co) (ad feeding fledgling), 21 Jun (MB); LCal (Eggers Grove FP) (2 families w/3+ fledglings), 15 Jul (LGM); Kankakee (Stateline Rd) (pr feeding 3 nestlings), 6 Jun (DTW); MomenceWet (pr feeding 2+ yg), 6 Jun (GAW, DTW et al.). **MC:** 29 & 21, John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 20 & 6 Jun resp (RLS); 21 (20♂), Rockton Twp (Winnebago Co), 9 Jun (SDB); 21, Pratt'sWW, 9 Jun (PAM); 21, GreeneVal, 1 Jun (MAM); 16, Boone Crk CA (McHenry Co), 23 Jun (SMn); 16, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 13 Jun (JW); 15, VoloBog, 3 Jul (SMI); 15, Fermi, 10 Jun (AB); 15, HennepinL, 14 Jun (DFS); 13, Tanager Kames FP (Lake Co), 11 Jun (CS); 13, BannerM, 5 Jun (CAT); 13, Danada FP (DuPage Co), 6 Jun (DLe); 12, COLSP, 13 Jun (BJS); 12, Aurora West FP (Kane Co), 23 Jun (JBo); 12, JP, 17 & 28 Jun (PRC); 11, RockCut, 1 Jun (DTW); 10, Sedge Meadow FP (Lake Co), 8 Jun (WM); 10, Fitchie Crk FP (Kane Co), 3 Jun (DW); 10, MArb, 1 Jun (PAM); 10, PaulDouglas, 6 Jun (TL); 10 (8♂♂), Coldbrook Twp (Warren Co), 28 May (SDB); 8♂♂, Makanda Twp (Jackson Co), 4 Jun (SDB). **Others:** LSpfld (Marine Pt) (migrant ad), 23 Jul (HDB).

Chestnut-sided Warbler

Breeding: Danada FP (DuPage Co) (♂ carrying food), 6 Jun (JZi). **MC:** 6, Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), 6 Jun (NJT); 3 (2♂♂, ♀), Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co), 24 Jun & 12 Jul (DFS). **Others:** GlacialPk (2), 1 Jun (RS); Ryerson (2♂♂), 4 Jul (BJS); Olive Pk, Chi (♂♂), 15 Jun (JIE); ICCA, 6 Jun (GAW et al.). Other single birds, mostly ♂♂ were noted in Boone at LIB CA, in McHenry at MoraineHills, in Lake at COLSP, IBSP (No. Unit), in DuPage at MArb, GreeneVal, Wood Ridge FP, West Chicago Pra FP, & in Cook at Clayton Smith Pr, SwallowCliff, CapSauers, Busse Wds FP, Orland Grassland & Eggers Grove FP between 1 Jun - 18 Jul.

Pine Warbler

Breeding: Grant Wds FP, No. Unit (Lake Co) (♂♂ & ♀ carrying food), 2 Jul & 23 Jul (BJS & CS resp); MArb (♂ seen collecting a pine needle on 23rd for nest building), 16-23 May (EWW); WaterfallGlen (family group of 3), 13 Jul (LRe). **Others:** MissPalis, 2 - 21 Jun (EB, JBi); Sterne's Wds NP (McHenry Co) (2), 5 Jul (RBe); Pioneer Tree Farm (McHenry Co), 13 Jun (DC, MC et al.); McHenryD, 2 Jun - 6 Jul (DC, MC, KML, JIN et al.), w/2 there, 20 Jun (SL); COLSP (♂♂), 4 & 18 Jul (AFS & BJS resp); Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co), 9 Jun (LM);

RedwingSI (♂♂), 26 Jun (BJS); Grant Wds FP, No. Unit (Lake Co) (♂♂), 1 Jun – 30 Jul (BJS, RBe, SMI); IBSP (So. Unit) (♂♂), 10 Jun – 6 Jul (PWS, AFS, JLS, DRD); LowdMil, 12 Jun (JLd, LM); Centennial Trl (DuPage Co), 3 Jul (JAS); WaterfallGlen (1-2), 4 -11 Jul (LRe); Pembroke, 3 Jul (RDH); Pomona (2), 27 Jun (KAM). This is yet another common breeding bird of the numerous large pine plantations found throughout the SNF in far southern Illinois, that is rarely surveyed or reported by birders.

Yellow-throated Warbler

Breeding: MArb (♂ feeding fledgling & ♀ carrying food to yg @ 2nd location), 19 Jun (PAM); StarvedRock (3 incl ad w/juv), 31 Jul (JG). **MC:** 10♂♂, Section 8 (1 ½ mile census & walk thru bald cypress/tupelo swamp), 11 Jun (SDB); 6, RockCut, 18 Jul (EES); 5♂♂, MArb, 20 Jun (KW); 4, PineHills, 12 Jul (BJS); 4, HeronPond, 28 Jun (ASA). **Others:** Sinnissippi Pk (Rckfd) (♂♂), 13 Jun (DTW, BCW); IBSP (So. Unit) (1-2♂♂), 10 Jun – 2 Jul (PWS, AFS, AWS); MissPalis (3), 15 & 21 Jun (EB & JBi resp); LowdMil, 21 Jun (JBi); Fullersburg Wds FP (DuPage Co), 3 Jun – 7 Jul (KW, LP, VS); McKinley Wds FP (Will Co) (♂♂), 1 Jun (DFS); MomenceWet, 6 Jun (GAW et al.); Loud Thunder FP (Rock Island Co) (2♂♂), 18 Jun (BD); ArgyleL SP (McDonough Co) (3 territories, all in pine plantations), 25 May (EWW); Payson_, 2 Jun (JLF); FGP (3), 19 Jul (NS).

Prairie Warbler

Florid Rd (Putnam Co) (2♂♂), 4 Jun (DKA); KCP (3), 30 Jun (JN); Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 28 Jun (CAT); CONWR (3), 16 Jun (JT). **Note:** Very poorly reported from shrublands of far southern Illinois where this species is a very common summer resident.

Black-throated Green Warbler

NBSO: RollinsSav (♂♂), 28 Jun (JSS); Highland Park (Lake Co) (♂♂; residential area), 18 Jun (RC).

Yellow-breasted Chat

Breeding: HennepinL (ad carrying food), 4 Jul (MF). **MC:** 20, Belknap_, 11 Jun (VMK); 10, CarlL-C, 2 Jul (DMK); 10, BeaverdamL_, 10 Jun (VMK); 9, Pulaski_, 12 Jun (VMK); 8, Pembroke, 3 Jul (RDH); 6, Pyramid SP, Denmark Unit (Perry Co), 28 Jun (CAT); 6, MissR Levee Rd (Union Co), 29 Jun (DDM); 5, GLPSNA, 3 Jul (KL); 5, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 20 Jun (DHh); 5, OakwoodBot, 1 Jun (DDM); 5, CRSNA, 18 Jun (BLe). **Others:** LostMound (2♂♂), 5 Jun (DTW); Sugar River Alder FP (Winnebago Co) (2), 21 Jun (DTW); Rckfd Apt, 25 Jun (DTW); Boone Crk CA (McHenry Co), 3 - 23 Jun (SMn); Pleasant Valley CA (McHenry Co), 21 Jun – 9 Jul (RBe, DC, MC et al.); IBSP (No. Unit) (1-2), 8 Jun – 9 Jul (ASA, AMn, PWS, AFS et al.); Nachusa, 2 – 21 Jun (DTW, JLy, JBi); Pratt'sWW (1-2), 9 – 11 Jun (PAM, SK); Danada FP (DuPage Co), 22 Jul (KW); West Chicago Pra FP (DuPage Co), 3 Jun – 15 Jul (PAM, SK); MArb (3), 2 Jun (MN); WaterfallGlen (2), 16 – 28 Jun (GG, JCN); GreeneVal (3), 16 Jun (MAM); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (4), 4 & 6 Jun (RLS); Bartel Grassland (Cook Co), 6 Jun (LSi); Orland Grassland (Cook Co), 30 Jun (SMs); McGinnis, 8 Jun (JP, GG); Wolf Rd Pra NP (Cook Co) (♂♂), 1 – 3 Jun (SDB, DFS et al.); Gensburg-Markham Pra NP (Cook Co), 9 Jun (RLS); HennepinL, 14 Jun (DFS); Florid Rd (Putnam Co), 13 Jun (DBJ); Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co) (2), 22 Jul (KJ); Midewin (1-2), 2 Jun – 8 Jul (DZ, DFS, JAS, TH et al.); BraidwoodL (4), 16 Jun (JBH); Waldron Arboretum, Aroma Park (Kankakee Co), 29 Jul (MMn); SpringL Btms (Tazewell Co) (4), 17 Jun (ASA); Sang (4), 11 & 14 Jun (HDB); KCP (4), 30 Jun (JN).

Eastern Towhee

MC: 31 & 21, Pembroke, 3 Jul & 2 Jun (RDH & GAW); 24 & 17, John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 20 & 6 Jun resp (RLS); 22 (10♂♂), Elmira Twp (Stark Co), 3 Jul (SDB); 19, LowdMil, 21 Jun (JBi); 16, SugarR Alder Tract FP (Winnebago Co), 10 Jul (KP); 16, CapSauers, 11 Jun (TMM); 15, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 17 Jun (ASA); 14, JubileeC, 5 Jun (EMC); 13 & 12, GreeneVal, 8 Jul & 12 Jun (EHe & MAM resp);

11, WaterfallGlen, 4 Jun & 6 Jul (GG); 11, ICCA, 19 Jun (JBH); 10, CarlL-C, 18 Jun (DMK); 10, Carterville (Williamson Co), 5 Jul (JGd); 9 (6♂♂), Big River SF (Henderson Co), 28 May (SDB); 9, AmboyM, 4 Jul (SH); 9, Eubanks_, 1 Jun (JLF); 9, Twigg Twp (Hamilton Co), 24 Jun (SDB); 9, Hardin, 27 Jul (WDR).

Chipping Sparrow

Breeding: Rckfd (pr w/3 fledglings), 23 Jun (DTW); Antioch (Lake Co) (ad feeding 2 fledglings), 26 Jul (JLS); COLSP (ad carrying food), 30

Jun (WM); Fermi (recently fledged yg), 22 Jul (MN); MArb (ad feeding BHCO & ad feeding 2 juvs), 21 Jun & 20 Aug (JZ); So. Oak Park (Cook Co) (2 fledglings w/ads), 5 Jul (EDG); Univ of Chi, Chi (ad feeding juv), 14 Aug (RLS); McKinley Wds FP (Will Co) (ad feeding juv BHCO), 28 Jun (JSr); Kankakee (ad feeding juv BHCO), 5 & 12 Jul (JBH:ph); Sumner Twp (Warren Co) (fledgling begging from ad), 1 Jun (CO); LSpfld (2 fledglings), 16 Jul (CL); Sang (1st HY), 9 Jun (HDB); ClintonL (ad carrying food), 21 Aug (MEF); MidFork (pr cop), 15 Jul (DU); HL (ad nest building), 9 Jun (CK); Dixon Springs SP (Pope Co) (ads w/fledglings), 16 Jul (MCn). **MC:** 36, Mill Creek_, 16 Jun (DTW); 36, Buda_, 18 Jun (JWW); 35, Atkinson_, 26 Jun (DFS); 35, Sheffield_, 27 Jun (DFS); 33, LSummerset_, 17 Jun (DTW); 25, Monticello_, 22 Jun (MPW); 24, Eubanks_, 1 Jun (JLF); 23, StarvedRock L&D, 18 Jul (BJW); 23 (21♂♂), Big River SF (Henderson Co), 28 May (SDB); 23, St. Morgan_, 14 Jun (KAM); 22, New Lenox_, 22 Jun (ASA); 22, Putnam_, 6 Jun (JIN); 21, MArb, 1 Jun (PAM); 21, Columbia_,

6 Jun (KAM); 19, Streator_, 6 Jun (JAS); 18, Pembroke, 3 Jul (RDH); 15, VoloBog, 3 Jul (SMI); 15, MissPalis, 23 Jun (BD).

Clay-colored Sparrow

Breeding: Pioneer Tree Farm, McHenry Twp (McHenry Co) (ad carrying food), 13 Jun (LMr); RollinsSav (ad w/2 juvs), 15 Aug (BJS); Springbrk (nest w/2 nestlings, 1 egg & 3 nestlings), 27 Jun & 4 Jul (PAM, VMn & PAM resp). **MC:** 5♂♂, IBSP (No. Unit), 9 Jun, & & 1-3♂♂ there, 1-23 Jun (LM & AMn, WM, ASA:ph m.ob.:ph resp); 4, Pioneer Tree Farm, McHenry Twp (McHenry Co), 13 Jun (DC, MC, RS et al.); 4-5, Springbrk, 27 Jun – 4 Jul (PAM, VMn); 3 (pr & ♀♂), SongbirdSI FP (DuPage Co), 9 Jun (ABA). **Others:** Colored Sands FP (Winnebago Co) (♂♂), 1 Aug (JCL); RedwingSI (♂♂), 10 Jun (BJS); SunL FP (Lake Co), 22 Jul (RBe:ph); RollinsSav (2♂♂), 4 Jun (BJS); Lakewood FP (Lake Co), 18 Jul – 1 Aug (BJS:ph); Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (♂♂), 1-23 Jun, w/1-2♂♂ there, 1 Jul – 22 Aug (JW); NelsonL (1-2), 4-18 Jun (JBo, MM); Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co), 8-9 Jul (LP, LRe); WaterfallGlen (juv), 21 Jul – 11 Aug (DK, LRe). **Note:** None of this species was found at the Christmas tree farm near Rockton in Winnebago Co. (due to the large size of the preferred small pines which attracts this species to breed), where this species bred for many years (DTW). This was the initial and only location where breeding was confirmed for this species in Illinois for many years before a regular breeding population became established in the Chicagoland area.

Field Sparrow

Breeding: Gander Mountain FP (Lake Co) (ad carrying food), 4 Jul (RBe); IBSP (So. Unit) (ad carrying food), 1 Jul (LP, DK); Grant Wds FP (Lake Co) (ad carrying food), 17 Jun (AWS); MArb (2 ads w/2 fledglings each & 3 begging yg), 6 Jun & 15 Aug (PAM & VS resp); Elsen'sHill (ad feeding fledglings), 31 Jul (PAM); Fermi (recently fledged yg), 22 Jul (MN); Springbrk (2 ads in 2 locations each feeding 1-2 fledglings), 20 Jun (PAM); Shaumburg Rd Grasslands (Cook Co) (pr feeding 2 yg), 21 Jun (JVt); PerryFarm (pr cop & ad carrying nest material), 12 Jun (JBH); Centennial Pk, Spfld (nest w/eggs), 10 Jul (CL); Lake of the Wds FP (Champaign Co) (ad carrying nest material), 15 Jun (JN); Etherton (Jackson Co) (ad carrying 2 caterpillars), 28 Jul (RP). **MC:** 60 & 34, Midewin, 22 Jul & 1 Jun (JAS & DZ resp); 41, Pembroke, 3 Jul (RDH); 20, Orland Grassland (Cook Co), 24 Jun (MTy, MMc); 18, SugarR Alder Tract FP (Winnebago Co), 10 Jul (KP);



Clay-colored Sparrow.
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Lake County. 13 June 2015.
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16, ICCA, 17 & 19 Jun (JBH); 18 & 15, John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 20 & 6 Jun resp (RLS); 14, Marb, 4 & 20 Jul (JZ & JSp); 14, Shaumburg Rd Grasslands (Cook Co), 21 Jun (JVt); 13, IBSP, 6 & 21 Jun (SMI, SC & MMC resp); 13, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 20 Jun & 18 Jul (JW); 13, Fermi, 8 Jun & 8 Jul (DSa); 13, GreeneVal, 11 Jun (PAM); 13, Springbrk, 20 Jun (PAM); 13, Poplar Crk FP (Cook Co), 1 Jul (SFn, JVt); 13, Woodford, 4 Jul (DHH); 13, Eubanks, 1 Jun (JLF); 12, Pleasant Valley CA (McHenry Co), 23 Jun (JA); 12, Ryerson, 1 Jul (ALi); 11, CubaM FP (Lake Co), 17 Jun (LG); 12, GLPSNA, 9 Jul (MGr); 11, Boone Crk CA (McHenry Co), 9 Jul (SMn); 11, Nachusa, 27 Jun (KML); 11, Pratt'sWW, 11 & 19 Jun (PAM, KW); 11, Rubio Wds (Cook Co), 5 Jul (DFS); 11, McCune Sand Pra LWR (Bureau Co), 14 Jun (JAS); 11, CONWR, 12 Jun (WW); 11, Pyramid SP (Denmark Unit, Perry Co), 13 Jul (BJS); 10, Spring Crk Valley FP (Cook Co), 10 Jun (WP); 10, Wauponsee Glacial Trl (Will Co), 5 Jun (DZ); 10 (9♂♂), Sand Prairie-Scrub Oak NP (Mason Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 10, Mayberry Twp (Hamilton Co), 12 Jun (SDB);

Vesper Sparrow

MC: 48, Buda, 18 Jun (JWW); 32, Troy Grove, 20 Jun (JAS); 25, Streator, 6 Jun (JAS); 21, Monticello, 22 Jun (MPW); 20, Mill Creek, 16 Jun (DTW); 20, Atkinson, 26 Jun (DFS); 14, Peoria, 8-9 Jun (EMC); 11, Sheffield, 27 Jun (DFS); 9♂♂, Sand Prairie-Scrub Oak NP (Mason Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 8, LSummerset, 17 Jun (DTW); 7, Mercer, 26 Jun (DFS); 7 & 6, Midewin, 23 Jul & 1 Jun (ASA & DZ resp); 6, Pembroke, 6 Jun (GAW, DTW et al.); 5, Wauponsee Glacial Trl (Will Co), 5 Jun (DZ); 5, Putnam, 6 Jun (JIN); 5, Monee (Will Co), 23 Jul (GP, KW); 5, Beaverville Twp (Iroquois Co), 2 Jun (CAT). **Southern edge of range:** Richland (♂♂ @ 2 locations), 14 Jun & 5 Jul (CLH); Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 25 Jul (C&PD). **Other:** Newport Twp (Lake Co) (4), 10 Jun (BJS); Virgil Twp (Kane Co) (3), 25 Jul (PAM); Marb, 10 Jun & 22 Jul (JZ & ASA resp); Poplar Crk FP (Cook Co) (♂♂), 23 – 26 Jul (JVt).

Lark Sparrow

Breeding: Sugar River Alder FP (Winnebago Co) (ad carrying food), 21 Jun (DTW); Nachusa (ad carrying food), 2 Jun (DTW); Poplar Crk FP (Cook Co) (ad carrying food), 1 Jul (JVt); BigR NA, Big River SF (Henderson Co) (pr feeding very recently fledged yg), 28 May (SDB); Beaverville Twp (Iroquois Co) (ad carrying food), 21 Jun (JBH). **MC:** 16, New Boston & Eliza Twps (Mercer Co), 26 Jun (DFS); 10, LostMound, 29 Jun (EB); 8, Thomson – Fulton Sand Pra NP (Whiteside Co), 21 Jul (EB); 7, Nachusa, 2 Jun (DTW); 7, Big River SF (Henderson Co), 28 May (SDB); 6, Havana (Mason Co), 28 Jul (TH). **Others:** IBSP (No. Unit), 6 & 10 Jun (SMI & JLS); IBSP (So. Unit) (4 & 2♂♂), 20 Jun & 4 Jul (BSk & BJS resp); McCune Sand Pra LWR (Bureau Co) (4), 14 Jun (JAS); New Lenox, (♂♂), 22 Jun (ASA); Midewin, 6 Jun & 19 Jul (DFS & DK resp); New Lenox, 22 Jun (ASA); Pembroke (4), 3 Jul (RDH); Palestine Twp (Woodford Co) (2), 21 Jun (PHF); Rochester Twp (Sangamon Co), 30 Jul (HDB); Richland (♂♂ @ 2 locations), 3 & 5 Jul (CLH); Dudleyville, 12 Jun (DMK); Sam Dale Lk SFWA (Wayne Co), 29 Jun (CLH); Edwards, 19 Jun (RES).

Savannah Sparrow

Breeding: MallardL FP (DuPage Co) (pr cop), 10 Jun (KW); Springbrk (ad carrying food), 6 Jun (KW); PaulDouglas (ad carrying food), 19 Jun (SS); Spring Crk FP (Cook Co) (ad carrying food), 2 Jun (JVt). **MC:** 57 & 18, GreeneVal, 8 Jul & 9 Jun resp (MAM); 50, MallardL FP (DuPage



Grasshopper Sparrow

Orland Grasslands. Cook County.

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Co), 17 Jun (KW); 25, Muirhead Springs FP (Kane Co), 19 Jul (WL); 22, Busse Wds FP (Cook Co), 6 Jun (ABA); 20, Ft. Sheridan FP (Lake Co), 14 Jun (JG); 15, Springbrk, 17 Jun (JAS); 15, Spring Crk FP (Cook Co), 19 Jun (DFS); 11, PaulDouglas, 19 Jun (SS); 10, Ethel's Wds FP (Lake Co), 11 Jun (EEs); 10, RollinsSav, 20 Jun (SMI); 10, RaysL FP (Lake Co), 1 Jul (RBe).

Grasshopper Sparrow

Breeding: 87th St steel mills, Chi (ad w/fledglings), 21 Jul (EDG, AGI). **MC:** 26, Midewin, 3 Jul (DFS); 13, Orland Grassland (Cook Co), 13 Jun (MMc); 12, LostMound, 28 Jun (EB); 12, Wauponsee Glacial Trl (Will Co), 5 Jun (DZ); 12 (10♂♂), Sand Prairie-Scrub Oak NP (Mason Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 10, NelsonL, 4 Jun (MM); 10, Pembroke, 6 Jun (GAW et al.); 10, incl 6 (4♂♂), Bald Bluff Twp & 9, Big River SF (4♂♂) (Henderson Co), 28

May (SDB); 9, Meredosia (Morgan Co), 27 Jul (KAM); 8, Shaumburg Rd Grasslands FP (Cook Co), 11, 16, 23 Jun (SFn, JVt); 8 & 6, 87th St steel mills, Chi, 14 Jul & 8, 14 Jun resp (EDG, AGI); 8, Harwood

Twp (Champaign Co), 11 Jul (PB); 7, BergmanSI FP (Cook Co), 4 Jun (RLS); 7, McCune Sand Pra LWR (Bureau Co), 14 Jun (JAS); 7, Elmwood Twp (Peoria Co), 6 Jun (CAT); 6, Prairie Bluff Pr (Will Co), 8 Jul (CG); 6, Alba Twp (Henry Co), 14 Jun (JAS); 6, Harwood Twp (Champaign Co), 11 Jul (NS, CW); 5, Muirhead Springs FP (Kane Co), 3-4 Jul (WL); 5, Pratt'sWW, 11 Jun (KW); 5, Spring Crk FP (Cook Co), 22 Jun (JVt); 5, Plum Crk FP (Cook Co), 7 Jun (TW); 5, Huntsville Twp (Schuyler Co), 21 Jun (BAD); 5, Beardstown Twp (Cass Co), 4 Jul (TJn); 5, Creal Springs (Williamson Co), 5 Jun (SDB). **Others:** UMRNWR (SpringL) (3), 4 Jun (EB); Lake In The Hills Fen NP (McHenry Co) (3), 23 Jun (DSr); IBSP (So. Unit) (4), 9 Jun (PWS); Newport Twp (Lake Co) (3), 21 Jun (AWS); RollinsSav (3), 20 Jun (SMI); PaulDouglas (3), 19 Jun (SS); Thomson-Fulton Sand Pra NP (Whiteside Co) (4), 8 & 21 Jul (EB); Nachusa (3♂♂), 30 Jun (SDB); Fermi (4), 8 Jul (DSa); Gensburg-Markham Pra NP (Cook Co) (4),

9 Jun (RLS); Mskoda LWR (Kankakee Co) (4), 4 Jul (JBH); Manito PHA (Tazewell Co) (3), 6 Jun (DH); Havana (Mason Co) (4), 28 Jul (TH); Lake of the Wds FP (Champaign Co) (4), 14 Jun (WG).

Henslow's Sparrow

Breeding: Spring Crk Valley Headwaters FP (Cook Co) (ad feeding yg), 12 Jun (WP); Poplar Crk FP (Cook Co) (ad carrying food), 1 Jul (SFn); Marsh Rd, Rochester Twp (Sangamon Co) (HY), 23 Jul (HDB). **MC:** 41, Orland Grassland (Cook Co), 24 Jun (MMc, MTy); 21, BergmanSI FP (Cook Co), 4 Jun (RLS); 20♂♂ & 8, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 13 & 4 Jun resp (JW); 17♂, Fermi, 8 Jul (DSa); 11♂♂, IBSP (No. Unit), 27 Jun (JG); 11, Muirhead Springs FP (Kane Co), 19 Jul (WL); 11, Pratt'sWW, 7 Jul (KW); 11, Shaumburg Rd Grasslands FP (Cook Co), 16 Jun (SFn); 10, Pyramid SP (Denmark Unit, Perry Co), 13 Jul (BJS); 9, Lake In The Hills Fen NP (McHenry Co), 9 Jun (DSr); 9, Midewin, 5 Jun (CMA); 8, Bartel LWR (Marion Co), 27 Jun (GT); 7♂, MallardL FP (DuPage Co), 24 Jun (KW); 7 (3♂♂), Marsh Rd, Rochester Twp (Sangamon Co), 23 Jul (HDB); 7, Rantoul (Champaign Co), 27 Jul (JN); 6, Ft. Sheridan FP (Lake Co), 18 – 29 Jul (JG); 6, RollinsSav, 4 Jun - 28 Jul (BJS m. ob.); 6, WaterfallGlen, 21 Jun (MAM); 6, PaulDouglas, 6 - 25 Jun (TL, SS); 6, TurtleheadL FP (Cook Co), 21 Jun (LRe); 6, Poplar Crk FP (Cook Co), 1 Jul (SFn); 6



Henslow's Sparrow. Prairie Ridge State Natural Area. Jasper County. 14 July 2015.

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(♂), KilldeerWet, 19 Jun (WJM); 6, Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co), 5 Jun (AFS); 6, GLPSNA, 20 Jun & 4 Jul (DK & LR resp); 6, FGP, 3 Jun (CAT); 5, Nachusa, 5 Jun & 22 Jul (LH & DTW resp); 5, Jelke Crk BS (Kane Co), 19 Jun (WL); 5, Spring Crk Valley Headwaters FP (Cook Co), 2 Jul (JVt); 5, JEPC, 6 Jun (JRH). **Others:** Colored Sands FP (Winnebago Co) (3♂), 1 Aug (JCL); GlacialPk (3), 19 Jun (AFS); North Branch CA (McHenry Co) (4), 19 Jun (MC); Pingree Grove FP (Kane Co) (3), 4 Jun (WL); McKeeM (4), 21 Jun (GP); Hawk Hollow FP (DuPage Co) (4), 3 Jul (KW); Springbrk (4), 6 Jun (KW); Rubio Wds FP (Cook Co) (3), 5 Jul (DFS); Gensburg – Markham Pra NP (Cook Co) (4), 23 Jul (GP, KW); Plum Crk FP (Cook Co) (4), 7 Jun (JIE, TW et al.); Buffalo Rock SP (LaSalle Co) (4), 3 Jul (EW); ; Mskoda LWR (Kankakee Co) (3), 4 Jul (JBH); Letcher Basin Pr (Woodford Co) (4), 10 Jun (MEF); PRSNA-J & PRSNA-M (“abundant”), season (CLH); *Edwards* (4), 6 Jul (RES).

Song Sparrow

Breeding: Lake Villa (Lake Co) (5 recently fledged yg), 1 Aug (RAB); Grant Wds FP (Lake Co) (ad carrying food), 26 Jun (JLs); Ryerson (ad feeding BHCO fledgling), 21 Jun (PWS); West Branch FP (DuPage Co) (ad feeding yg BHCO), 4 Jun (KW); Fermi (recently fledged yg), 22 Jul (MN); MArb (ad feeding yg), 21 Jun (JZ); Swift Pra NP (DuPage Co) (ad carrying food to nest w/ begging yg & another ad on nest), 4 Jun & (ad on nest), 3 Jul (VS); SongbirdSl FP (DuPage Co) (ad carrying food), 1 Aug (ABA); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (ad carrying food), 27 Jun (JAS); Spring Crk FP (Cook Co) (ad carrying food), 2 Jun (JVt); Bluff Spring Fen NP (Cook Co) (ad feeding BHCO), 18 Jul (MMg); Izaak Walton Pr, Homewood (Cook Co) (pr w/2 juv BHCO), 18 Jun & 2 Aug (PL); Montrose (fledgling & ad feeding fledgling), 8 & 19 Jul (resp (LGM) & (& tailless fledgling), 31 Aug (AT); 179th/Central FP (ad carrying food), 8 Jun (ABA); JP (ad carrying nest material), 21 Jun (PRC); PerryFarm (ad w/food), 23 Jul (JBH); LShel-M (ad carrying food), 7 Aug (CL). **MC:** 63, RollinsSav, 21 Jun (GAW et al.); 51, Hadley Valley Pr (Will Co), 28 Jun (CC); 45, RollinsSav, 22 Jul (BF); 44, CarlL-F, 6 Jun (MSS); 41, LSummerset, 17 Jun (DTW); 38, Jamestown, 4 Jun (DMK); 47 & 34, Muirhead Wds FP (Kane Co), 19 Jul & 23 Jun resp (WL); 34, Fermi, 16 Jul (GP); 32, Mill Creek, 16 Jun (DTW); 32, St. Morgan, 14 Jun (KAM); 31, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 12 Jul (JW); 31, HennepinL, 6 Jul (DFS); 38 & 30, Pratt’sWW, 16 Jul & 5 Jun resp (KW); 38 & 22, MArb, 20 Jul & 10 Jun (JSp, JZ & JZ resp); 30 (23♂), KilldeerWet, 9 & 16 Jun (WJM); 30, New Lenox, 22 Jun (ASA); 29 (28♂), Rockton Twp (Winnebago Co), 9 Jun (SDB); 29♂, MidSav, 15 Jul (SDB); 27, Corron Farm, Campton Twp (Kane Co), 6 Jun (TBe); 27, Putnam, 6 Jun (JIN); 27, DPCA, 4 Jul (DFS); 27, Columbia, 6 Jun (KAM); 26 (25♂), 3 Wet, Hume Twp (Whiteside Co), 2 Jul (SDB); 26, GreeneVal, 8 Jul (MAM); 25, 87th St steel mills, Chi, 14 Jul (EDG, AGI).

Swamp Sparrow

Breeding: Lake Villa (Lake Co) (2 juvs), 15 Aug (RAB). **MC:** 25, NelsonL, 6 Jun (KCA); 18, Yonder Pra NP (McHenry Co), 9 Jun (RS); 17 (16♂), Rockton Twp (Winnebago Co), 9 Jun (SDB); 10, Richardson Wildlife Foundation (Lee Co), 4 Jun (SH); 9, VoloBog, 24 Jun (RBe); 9, Pratt’sWW, 8 Jun (PAM); 8, MoraineHills, 14 Jun (LMr); 7, HastingsL FP (Lake Co), 8 Jul (NSr); 7♂, Paddock Sl, Hume Twp (Whiteside Co), 2 Jul (SDB); 6, COLSP, 26 Jun (BJS); 6, Tanager Kames FP (Lake Co), 26 Jun (CS); 6, Sedge Meadow FP (Lake Co), 19 Jun (AWS); 6, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 9 Jul (JLd); 6 (5♂), Grayslake High School marsh (Lake Co), 31 May (SDB); 6, RollinsSav, 16 & 27 Jun (CS); 6, PGM, 28 Jun (JW); 6, Springbrk, 17 Jun (JAS); 5, NygrenWet, 18 Jun (DTW); 5 (4♂), Otter Creek FP (Kane Co), 22 Jun (SDB); 5♂, Fermi, 17 Jun (SDB). **Others:** LSummerset (4), 17 Jun (DTW); Ridott oxbow pools (Stephenson Co), 12 Jul (DTW); Garden PrairieSl (Boone Co) (4♂), 19 Jun (SDB); Grant Wds FP (Lake Co) (4), 2 Jun (BJS); Rochelle Del Monte Ponds (Ogle Co), 2 & 28 Jun

(DTW); Wilkinson-RenwickM FP (DeKalb Co), 1 – 20 Jun (LH, TH); Fermi (4), 16 Jul (GP); Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co) 3♂, ♀, 8 Jun (SDB); Subat FP (Kendall Co), 14 Jun (PAM); Normantown Wet (Will Co) (3), 26 Jun (DK); Troy Grove, 20 Jun (JAS); HennepinL, 14 Jun & 6 Jul (DFS). Numerous other reports of 1-3 birds in the Chicagoland area, though this species is heavily under counted in the numerous northeastern Illinois marshes.

White-throated Sparrow

Union Station, Chi (2♂), 4-11 Jun (LR); No. Wacker Dr, Chi (1-2♂), 4 Jun – 18 Aug (LR:ph); Millennium Pk, Chi (♂), 17 Jun – 14 Jul (LR, KW); Thompson Center, Chi (♂) 12 Jun (LR); MomenceWet, 6 Jun (GAW, DTW et al.). Breeding?

Summer Tanager

Breeding: Spears Wds FP (Cook Co) (♀ on nest directly above trail w/1 BHCO & 1 SUTA yg & yg fledged), 19 Jun & 3 Jul resp (WSS:ph); Pembroke (pr incl ♀ on nest), 6 Jun (DTW, IOS). **MC:** 15 (in 11 locations), Jun – Jul (EMC); 13, Belknap, 11 Jun (VMK); 13, BeaverdamL, 10 Jun (VMK); 10 (incl 2 pr & 5 other ♂), Section 8 (1 ½ mile census & walk thru bald cypress/tupelo swamp), 11 Jun (SDB); 8, *Hardin*, 27 Jul (WDR); 8, Pulaski, 12 Jun (VMK); 6, SNF (Hardin Co), 13 Jun (LMA); 4, Columbia, 6 Jun (KAM); 4, Pomona Twp (Jackson Co), 19 Jun (KAM); 4♂, Long Branch Twp (Saline Co), 5 Jun (SDB). **Others:** MissPalis, 6 Jun (EB); Sugar River Alder FP (Winnebago Co) (♂), 21 Jun (DTW);



Summer Tanager nest with tanager young and Brown-headed Cowbird young. Spears Woods, Palos. Cook County. 20 June 2015. Photo by Wes Serafin.

LowdMil (3), 21 Jun (JBi); Bliss Wds FP (Kane Co), 28 Jun (SAC); GreeneVal (♂), 8 - 15 Jul (MAM, DK); MArb (3), 19 Jun (PAM, VMn); Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co), 12 Jul (DFS); SwallowCliff, 6 Jun (DFS et al.); Sheffield (♂), 27 Jun (DFS); Pembroke (2), 6 Jun (GAW et al.); Worth Twp (Woodford Co), 3 Jun (PHF); Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co) (3), 27 Jun (DH); New Salem SP (Menard Co) (4), 20 Jun (DHh); Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (3), 2 Jun & 3 Jul (GT); Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co) (3), 2 Jun (CAT).

Scarlet Tanager

Breeding: HunterL (Sangamon Co) (♂ feeding a BHCO & 1 host yg), 23 Jun (HDB). **MC:** 10, FR 1914, SNF (Hardin Co), 11 Jun (LMA); 7, Ryerson, 4 Jul (BJS); 6, LowdMil, 21 Jun (JBi); 6, Elsen’sHill, 12 Jul (PAM); 8 & 6, MArb, 25 Jul & 23, 26 Jun resp (PAM); 6♂, CapSauers, 13 Jun (LRe); 6, SwallowCliff, 28 Jun (DFS); 6, JubileeC, 5 Jun (EMC); 5, RockCut, 3 Jun (DTW); 5, COLSP, 26 Jun (BJS); 5, McDowellGr, 17 Jul (PAM); 5, WaterfallGlen, 26 Jun (GG); 5, Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co), 10 Jul (JAg); 5, McClaughrey Spring Wds FP (Cook Co), 13 Jun (TL); 5, Putnam Co CA, 13 Jun (DBJ, NJT); 5 (4♂, ♀), Elmira Twp (Stark Co), 3 Jul (SDB).

Northern Cardinal

Breeding: Holiday Hills (McHenry Co) (pr feeding juv BHCO & 2 juv NOCA), 26 Jun (LMr); LowdMil (♀ feeding newly fledged yg), 17 Aug (KD); Darien (DuPage Co) (pr feeding NOCA fledgling), 19 Jun (VS); St. James Farm FP (DuPage Co) (ad feeding BHCO), 5 Jul (SF); Fullersburg Wds FP (DuPage Co) (pr feeding juv BHCO), 22 Jul (VS); Wood Dale Grove FP (DuPage Co) (pr w/2 yg), 9 Jul (ABA); Lake in the Woods, Downers Grove (DuPage Co) (ad feeding BHCO fledgling), 25 Jul (LRe); Swift Pra NP (DuPage Co) (ad carrying nest material & pr feeding BHCO fledgling), 11 & 26 Jun resp (VS); West DuPage Wds FP (DuPage Co) (ad feeding yg & 2 prs feeding juvs), 23 Jun & 11 Jul resp (LY); Salt Crk Pk FP, Wood Dale (DuPage Co) (pr w/juv), 20 Jun (ABA); CBG (pr feeding BHCO), River Forest (Cook Co) (pr w/1 newly fledged yg), 22 Aug (RAM); So. Oak Park (Cook Co) (♀ on nest in maple), 18 Jun (EDG); Taylor Pk, Oak Park (Cook Co) (♂ w/ BHCO juv), 16 Aug (EDG); Columbus Pk, Chi (fledgling), 6 Aug (EDG); Montrose (nest w/male feeding nearby fledgling & recently fledged yg), 2 & 23 Jun (AT & GAW resp); Jarvis (fledgling

*Blue Grosbeak nestling
in nest. Carmi Township.
White County. 24 June 2015.
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& ♂ feeding juv), 28 Jun & 17 Aug (LGM & AT resp); DuPageR Greenway FP (Will Co) (♀ w/fledgling), 10 Jul (VS); Comlara CP, Hudson (McLean Co) (fledgling), 27 Jun (EW); RiverBend (nest w/3 eggs), 28 Jul (JN); Carterville (Williamson Co) (ad feeding 2 fledglings), 12 Jul (JGd). **MC:** 49, Columbia, 6 Jun (KAM); 42, LSummerset, 17 Jun (DTW); 40, St. Morgan, 14 Jun (KAM); 40, Pulaski, 12 Jun (VMK); 37, Eubanks, 1 Jun (JLF); 36, Belknap, 11 Jun (VMK); 35, Buda, 18 Jun (JWW); 34, Boone Crk CA (McHenry Co), 3 Jun (SMn); 34, JubileeC, 5 Jun (EMC); 33, Payson, 2 Jun (JLF); 32, Mill Creek, 16 Jun (DTW); 29, Boone Crk CA (McHenry Co), 9 Jul (SMn); 29 (13♂), So. Oak Park (Cook Co), 29 Jun (EDG); 29, New Lenox, 22 Jun (ASA); 29, Jamestown, 4 Jun (DMK); 29, BeaverdamL, 10 Jun (VMK); 28, Itasca, 20 Jun (JIN); 28, Athens, 2 Jul (VMK); 28, *Hardin*, 27 Jun (WDR); 27, *Alexander*, 28 Jul (WDR); 26, Sheffield, 27 Jun (DFS); 25, Pratt'sWW, 16 Jul (KW); 25, GreeneVal, 1 Jun (MAM).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Breeding: Freeport (Stephenson Co) (ad w/2 juv at feeder), 15 Jun (KHh); Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (♀ carrying food), 10 Jun (PBr); MArb (♀ on nest & ♀ feeding 2 yg), 1 Jul (BGm & JZ resp); Blackwell FP (DuPage Co) (♀ carrying food), 16 Jun (PAM); McDowellGr (♀ feeding fledgling), 13 Jun (JPs); McClaughrey Spring Wds FP (Cook Co) (♀ feeding fledgling on ground), 15 Jun (JBk); Bemis Wds No. FP (Cook Co) (♀ feeding 2 juvs), 10 Jul (JAg); Hennepin Canal SP (Henry Co) (♂ seen feeding fledgling), 10 Jun (RG). **MC:** 16, Eubanks, 1 Jun (JLF); 13 & 7, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 20, 21, 27 & 13 Jun resp (JW); 12, McClaughrey Spring Wds FP (Cook Co), 13 Jun (TL); 9, LowdMil, 21 Jun (JBi); 9, AmboyM NP (Lee Co), 4 Jul (SH); 9♂, Big River SF (Henderson Co), 28 May (SDB); 9, ICCA, 19 Jun (JBH); 8, Boone Crk CA (McHenry Co), 23 Jun (SMn); 8, Spring Crk Valley FP (Cook Co), 23 Jun (JVt); 8, HennepinL, 14 Jun (DFS); 8 (5♂), Sand Prairie-Scrub Oak NP (Mason Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 7, Red Gate So. FP (Cook Co), 21 Jun (DFS); 7, Funks Grove (McLean Co), 25 Jun (BM); 7, Payson, 2 Jun (JLF); 6♂, Rockton Twp (Winnebago Co), 9 Jun (SDB); 6, Gander Mountain FP (Lake Co), 20 Jun (PWS); 6 (♂), CapSauers, 13 Jun (LRe); 6, Hennepin Canal SP (Henry Co), 10 Jun (RG); 6, Buda, 18 Jun (JWW); 5, Hume Twp (Whiteside Co), 2 Jul (SDB); 5, Pratt'sWW, 11 Jun & 10 Jul (PAM); 5, GreeneVal, 11 Jun (PAM); 5, Elsen'sHill, 1 Jun & 12 Jul (PAM); 5, Midewin, 10 Jun (FR); 5, Rock Island Trl (Peoria Co), 15 Jun (EMC); 5, Sang, 9 & 20 Jun (HDB). **Southern edge of range:** Dudleyville, (3), 12 Jun (DMK); Flora, 15 Jun (CLH); Jamestown, 4 Jun (DMK); CarlL-F (2), 2 Jun (MSS); CarlL-C (6), 18 Jun (DMK); Columbia, (4), 6 Jun (KAM); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (2), 20 Jun (DMK).

Blue Grosbeak

Breeding: BannerM (pr cop & ♀ gathering nest material), 27 May (EMC); Carmi Twp (White Co) (pr feeding 2 well-grown, ready-to-fledge nestlings at nest in only tree growing next to old, rural garage, 3 ft up in 6 ft persimmon), 24 Jun (SDB:ph). **MC:** 15, Columbia, 6 Jun (KAM); 12, CarlL-C, 2 Jul (DMK); 12, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DMK); 12, *Hardin*, 27 Jul (WDR); 9, Midewin, 22 Jul (JAS); 9, Flora, 15 Jun (CLH); 7, Edwards, 4 Jul (RES); 7, Pyramid SP (Denmark Unit, Perry Co), 3 Jul (MT); 6, Eubanks, 1 Jun (JLF); 6, Payson, 2 Jun (JLF); 6, St. Morgan, 14 Jun (KAM); 6, BeaverdamL, 10 Jun (VMK); 6, *Jackson*, 27 Jun (TW et al.); 5, LostMound, 13 Jun (CKe); 5, Sang, 4 Jun (HDB); 5, *Union*, 27-28 Jul (WDR). **Others:** Sugar River Alder FP (Winnebago Co) (♂), 21 Jun (DTW); Rckfd Apt (pr on territory), 1 -25 Jun (DTW et al.); COLSP (♂ 1st yr ♂), 13 Jun (BJS); IBSP (No. Unit) (♂), 1 Jun – 29 Jul (AMn, WM, ASA, BJS et al.) & So. Unit (♂), 22 Jul (AWS:ph); MArb (3; pr & imm ♂), 1 Jun (PAM, GP, DK et al.), w/pr there, 6 – 9 Jun (WP et al.); Wolf Rd Pra NP (Cook Co) (♀), 10 Jun (JRG); *se. Rock Island*, 26 Jun (DFS); *Pembroke* (3), 6 Jun (GAW, DTW et al.); *Bald Bluff Twp* (2♂) & *Big River SF* (♂) (Henderson Co), 28 May (SDB); *Peoria*

(found in 7 locations in 5 areas of county), Jun – Jul (EMC); *Kansas Twp* (Woodford Co), 21 Jun (PHF); *Streator*, 6 Jun (JAS); *JubileeC*, 2 Jun (DH); *BannerM*, 5 Jun (CAT); *Astoria Twp* (Fulton Co) (pr on territory), 6 Jul (SDB); *Havana Twp* (Mason Co) (4♂), 9 Jul (SDB); *Harwood Twp* (Champaign Co) (3♂), 11 Jul (NS, CW); *MidFork* (2♂), 21 Jun (NS); *McLeansboro Twp* (Hamilton Co) (3♂), 23 Jun (SDB); *Creal Springs* (Williamson Co) (pr & ♂), 5 Jun (SDB); *Long Branch Twp* (Saline Co) pr & ♂, 4-5 Jun (SDB). **Note:** Female of nesting pr in White Co. had a rich cinnamon breast, w/gray to pale-blue head & rump (SDB).

Indigo Bunting

Breeding: *GooseL CA* (McHenry Co) (ad w/juv BHCO), 11 Jul (WJM); *Burnidge FP* (Kane Co) (♂ & ♀ feeding juv BHCOs in 2 locations), 18 Jul (JW); *Fermi* (recently fledged yg), 22 Jul (MN); *Fullersburg Wds FP* (DuPage Co) (♀ carrying food), 2 Jun (LP); *West DuPage Wds FP* (DuPage Co) (♀ carrying food), 23 Jul (LY); *Jarvis* (♂ bringing food to calling yg), 21 Jul (LGM); *LCal* (Eggers Grove FP) (pr feeding lg BHCO fledgling), 17 Aug (DFS); 87th St steel mills, Chi (nest w/3 eggs), 27 Jul (EG, AGI); *Lincoln Memorial Garden Pk*, Spfld (ad w/begging BHCO), 15 Aug (LW); *Alhambra* (Madison Co) (ad carrying food), 2 Jun (CK). **MC:** 60, *Levee Rd* (Monroe Co), 20 & 29 Jun (DMK & KAM resp); 54, *Pembroke*, 2 Jun (GAW); 54, *Alexander*, 28 Jul (WDR); 49, *Midewin*, 23 Jul (ASA); 48, *BeaverdamL*, 10 Jun (VMK); 46, *CarlL-F*, 6 Jun (MSS); 46, *Hardin*, 27 Jul (WDR); 41, *Jackson*, 24 Jul (WDR); 40, *Dudleyville*, 12 Jun (DMK); 38, *Buda*, 18 Jun (JWW); 38, *Payson*, 2 Jun (JLF); 35, *Pulaski*, 12 Jun (VMK); 33, *Sheffield*, 27 Jun (DFS); 33, *Columbia*, 6 Jun (KAM); 32, *St. Morgan*, 14 Jun (KAM); 32, *Pyramid SP* (Denmark Unit, Perry Co), 13 Jul (BJS); 31, *Flora*, 15 Jun (CLH); 31, *Belknap*, 11 Jun (VMK); 30, *Eubanks*, 1 Jun (JLF); 30, *CarlL-C*, 14 & 18 Jun (DMK); 29 & 28, *JubileeC*, 5 & 6 Jun (EMC & CAT resp); 28, *MacArthur Wds NP* (Lake Co), 6 Jun (GH); 26, *Fermi*, 16 Jul (GP); 26, *MArb*, 1 Jun (PAM); 25, *Ryerson*, 7 Jun (GH).

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Breeding: *Shannon Twp* (Carroll Co) (pr near nest w/3 host eggs & 1 BHCO egg), 19 Jun (SDB); *Fermi* (recently fledged yg), 22 Jul (MN); *Midewin* (multiple ♀s carrying food), 2 Jul (VM); *Spring Crk FP* (Cook Co) (pr cop), 8 Jun (WP); *Rantoul* (Champaign Co) (prs w/juvs), 15 Jul (DU); *Champaign* (♀ carrying food for yg), 7 Aug (DU); *MidFork* (ad carrying food), 21 Jun (NS); *Guzy Pra Pothole Wet* (Shelby Co) (ad carrying food), 8 Aug (CL). **MC:** 89, *Buda*, 18 Jun (JWW); 80, *Putnam*, 6 Jun (JIN); 80, *Levee Rd* (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DMK); 75 & 67, *Midewin*, 1 Jun & 3 Jul (DZ & DFS resp); 75, *Wauponsee Glacial Trl* (Will Co), 5 Jun (DZ); 74, *Putnam*, 6 Jun (JIN); 70, *Jamestown*, 4 Jun (DMK); 67, *Mercer*, 26 Jun (DFS); 66, *Atkinson*, 26 Jun (DFS); 59, *Monticello*, 22 Jun (MPW); 48, *Streator*, 6 Jun (JAS); 47 & 37, *Orland Grassland* (Cook Co), 24 & 13 Jun (MMc & MTy); 47, *JEPC*, 6 Jun (JRH); 43, *Pyramid SP* (Denmark Unit, Perry Co), 28 Jun (CAT); 41, *Beaucoup*, 2 Jun (DMK); 41 & 26, *MissR Levee Rd* (Union Co), 27 & 19 Jun (TW & JT resp); 40, *HennepinL*, 13 Jun (DFS); 36, *Busse WDS FP* (Cook Co), 6 Jun (ABA); 35, *Columbia*, 6 Jun (KAM); 34, *Fermi*, 8 Jun (DSa et al.); 30, *GLPSNA*, 13 Jun (CAT); 30, *Nipper WS* (Sangamon Co), 28 Jun (CL); 30, *CarlL-C*, 14 Jun (DMK). **Others:** *LostMound* (28), 13 Jun (EB); *GooseL CA* (McHenry Co) (4), 27 Jun (AP); *Hebron Trl* (McHenry Co) (12), 11 Jul (NJT); *GlacialPk* (6), 20 Jun (SL); *Boone Crk CA* (McHenry Co) (1 & 6), 3 Jun & 9 Jul resp (SMn); *North Branch CA* (McHenry Co) (9), 19 Jun (MC); *Lake-in-the-Hills Fen NP* (McHenry Co) (6), 20 Jun (DSr); *COLSP* (5), 26 Jun (BJS); *Newport Twp* (Lake Co) (6), 13 Jun (JIN); *IBSP* (No. Unit) (6), 7 Jun (LM); *RollinsSav* (♂), 4 Jun (BJS); *Burnidge FP* (Kane Co) (3), 14 Jun (JW); *NelsonL* (4), 10 Jun (BA et al.); *Campton FP* (Kane Co) (2), 4 Jun (TBe); *Hampshire* (Kane Co) (10), 8 Jul (PAM); *Muirhead Springs FP* (Kane Co) (21), 13 Jun (WL); *Burlington Pra FP* (Kane Co) (17), 27 Jun (WL); *Bowes Crk Wds FP* (Kane Co) (9), 2 Jun (GDn); *Sauer FPK* (3), 3 Jun (JJD); *Pratt'sWW* (5), 5 Jun (KW); *MallardL FP* (DuPage Co) (3 & 7 & 10), 10 & 24 Jun & 1 Jul resp (KW, GP); *MArb* (7), 21 Jun (JZ); *GreeneVal* (20), 9 Jun

(MAM); Meacham Grove FP (DuPage Co) (3), 30 Jun (MBc); GreeneVal (20), 9 Jun (MAM); PaulDouglas, 3 - 11 Jun (AFS, ASA); J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (5), 6 Jun (RLS); Spring Crk FP (Cook Co) (10), 19 Jun (DFS); 87th St steel mills, Chi (8), 3 & 14 Jun, but 15 & 20 & 23 there, 16 & 23 Jun & 14 Jul (AGI, EDG); LCal (O'Brien L&D) (4♂♂), 8 Jul (WJM); KilldeerWet (24 incl 22♂♂), 19 & 20 Jun (WJM); BergmanSl FP (Cook Co) (26♂♂), 4 Jun (RLS); Henneberry Wds FP (Kendall Co) (16), 6 Jun (JRG); BraidwoodL (2), 16 Jun (JBH); MomenceWet (14), 6 Jun (DRD).

Bobolink

Breeding: Spring Crk FP (Cook Co) (ads feeding yg), 8 Jun (WP); Bartel (♀ carrying food for yg), 28 May (WJM); KilldeerWet (♂ carrying food for yg & ♂ w/ juv BHCO), 16 Jun, & (♀s carrying food for yg), 16 & 19 Jun (WJM). **MC:** 63 (51 ad ♂ & 12 ad ♀), KilldeerWet, 9 & 16 Jun (WJM); 62 & 26, Muirhead Springs FP (Kane Co), 4 Jul & 9 Jun (WL); 43, Busse Wds FP (Cook Co), 6 Jun (ABA); 33, Midewin, 6 Jun (JAS); 32, Sedge Meadow FP (Lake Co), 4 Jul (AJ); 30, Spring Crk Valley FP (Cook Co), 19 Jun (DFS); 28, RollinsSav, 21 Jun (GAW et al.); 41 & 26, Fermi, 8 Jul & 8 Jun resp (DSa); 26, PaulDouglas, 19 Jun (SS); 26, Orland Grassland (Cook Co), 13 Jun (MMC); 25, MallardL FP (DuPage Co), 1 Jul (GP, KW); 24 (1♂ & 23 ♀s & juvs), Bates Fen Bluebird Trl (McHenry Co), 18 Jul (JA); 24, GreeneVal, 16 Jun (MAM); 28, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 8 Jul (JW); 19, NelsonL, 4 Jun (MM); 17, Pleasant Valley FP (McHenry Co), 9 Jun (JA); 15, North Branch CA (McHenry Co), 9 Jul (AP); 12, Bowes Crk Wds FP (Kane Co), 1 Jun (GDn); 12, JEPC, 12 Jul (MMn); 11, Campton FP (Kane Co), 4 Jun (TBe); 11, Hawk Hollow FP (DuPage Co), 3 Jul (KW); 11, Springbrk, 6 Jun (ASn); 10, Double T SFWA (Fulton Co), 5 Jul (DH). **Others:** Florence (Stephenson Co) (6♂♂), 17-18 Jun (SDB); Rockton Twp (Winnebago Co) (4♂♂), 9 Jun (SDB); Shannon Twp (Carroll Co) (4♂♂), 19 Jun (SDB); Sheffield_, 27 Jun (DFS); Earl Twp (LaSalle Co) (5), 27 Jun (DJS); Chestnut Twp (Knox Co) (3♂♂), 29 May (SDB); Putnam_ (2), 6 Jun (JIN); Moraine View SP (McLean Co), 6 Jun (WHR); Pleasant Plains & Marsh Rd, Rochester Twp (Sangamon Co) (6♂, ♀ & ♂), 6 Jun & 16 Jul resp (HDB); Rantoul (Champaign Co) (3), 15 & 27 Jul (DU & JN resp). **Note:** "No (bobolinks) found on either the Mill Creek or Lake Summerset BBS routes for the first time. Farmers had cut the hay around the end of May. No birds left in the fields by the time of BBS" (DTW). Cutting hay 3-5 times per season from grasslands where this species and many others nest severely limits their ability to successfully breed in Illinois and elsewhere.

Red-winged Blackbird

Breeding: Raccoon Crk, Rockton Twp (Winnebago Co) (3 nests; one empty but new & ♀ flushed off one w/2 RWBL eggs & ♀ flushed off nest w/4 RWBL eggs), 9 Jun (SDB); NygrenWet (♂ feeding fledgling), 27 Jun (DTW, BCW); Old School FP (Lake Co) (recent fledgling), 23 Jul (EE); MidSav (♀ flushed off nest w/2 RWBL eggs), 16 Jun (SDB); Openlands Lakeshore NP (Lake Co) (ad nest building), 2 Jun (DW); Otter Creek FP (Kane Co) (2 fledglings barely capable of flight), 22 Jun (SDB); Fullersburg Wds FP (DuPage Co) (recently fledged yg), 9 Jun (LP); Swift Pra NP (DuPage Co) (♀ flushed off nest), 4 & 11 Jun (VS); Busse Wds FP (Cook Co) (♀ w/nest material & 4 ♀s w/food for yg), 6 Jun (ABA); SongbirdSl FP (Cook Co) (2 ♀ carrying food for yg), 9 Jun (ABA); Wolf Rd Pra NP (Cook Co) (♀ w/ food for yg), 3 Jun (LP); Douglas Pk, Chi (only a few still w/fledglings), 29 Jul (EDG); Riis Pk, Chi (♀ w/nest material), 6 Jun (EDG); Montrose



Eastern Meadowlark nest.
Florence Township. Stevenson
County. 17 June 2015.
Photo by Steven D. Bailey.

(♀ on nest & very recent fledgling), 10 & 14 Jun resp (GAW); Jarvis (ad feeding fledgling), 21 Jul (LGM); KilldeerWet (2 fledglings & nest w/4 eggs), 9 & 27 Jun resp (WJM, JIN), w/fledged juvs there on 9-27 Jun (WJM); SangamonR FP (Champaign Co) (pr cop), 13 Jun (DU); Rantoul (Champaign Co) (♀ carrying food), 15 Jul (DU); Alhambra (Madison Co) (nest w/ yg), 2 Jun (CK). **MC:** 514, Beaucoup_, 2 Jun (DMK); 422, Jamestown_, 4 Jun (DMK); 297, Jackson, 24 Jul (WDR); 250, Meadbrk, 14 Jul (RD); 223, LSummerset_, 17 Jun (DTW); 215, Fairbury_, 18 Jun (VMK); 223 & 200, Fermi, 16 Jul & 5 Jun (GP & WPr resp); 200, NormantownWet (Will Co), 2 Jun (PC); 200, CarlL-C, 5, 7 & 14 Jun (DMK); 200, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DMK); 199, Dudleyville_, 12 Jun (DMK); 195, Streator_, 6 Jun (JAS); 194, Atkinson_, 26 Jun (DFS); 181, Troy Grove_, 20 Jun (JAS); 175, PGM, 14 Jul (WL); 173, Columbia_, 6 Jun (KAM); 165, HennepinL, 13 Jun (DFS); 164, Stillwell_, 5 Jun (VMK); 150 (mostly ♀s/juvs), Air Station Pra, Glenview (Cook Co), 24-25 Jul (SC); 150, Bartel, 19 Jul (MMC); 149, Buda_, 18 Jun (JWW); 148 (89♂), KilldeerWet, 9 & 16 Jun (WJM); 145, Sheffield_, 27 Jun (DFS); 139, Putnam_, 6 Jun (JIN); 139, Waynesville_, 29 Jun (VMK); 137, Monticello_, 22 Jun (MPW); 135, Sang, 30 Jul (HDB); 131, MARb, 10 Jun (JZ); 128, Alexander, 28 Jul (WDR); 124, Pyramid SP, Denmark Unit (Perry Co), 13 Jul (BJS); 120, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 15 Jul (RAB); 120, Montrose, 6 Jun (LE).

Eastern Meadowlark

Breeding: Colored Sands FP (Winnebago Co) (ad carrying food), 24 May (DTW); Florence Twp (Stephenson Co) (♀ flushed off nest w/4 host eggs & 3 BHCO eggs), 17 Jun (SDB:ph); KilldeerWet FP (fledged juv), 9 Jun (WJM). **MC:** 40, Streator_, 6 Jun (JAS); 40, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DMK); 34, Putnam_, 6 Jun (JIN); 32, Buda_, 18 Jun (JWW); 30, Midewin, 3 Jul (DFS); 28 (15♂♂), KilldeerWet, 9 & 16 Jun (WJM); 28, Atkinson_, 26 Jun (DFS); 26, Jamestown_, 4 Jun (DMK); 26, Beaucoup_, 2 Jun (DMK); 23, Monticello_, 22 Jun (MPW); 23, Sang, 6 Jun (HDB); 23, Columbia_, 6 Jun (KAM); 20, Eubanks_, 1 Jun (JLF); LSummerset_, 17 Jun (DTW); 19, Sheffield_, 27 Jun (DFS); 15, Payson_, 2 Jun (JLF).

Western Meadowlark

MC: 18, Atkinson_, 26 Jun (DFS); 14, Troy Grove_, 20 Jun (JAS); 14, Buda_, 18 Jun (JWW); 8 (7♂♂), Florence Twp (Stephenson Co), 18 Jun (SDB); 6, Mill Creek_, 16 Jun (DTW); 6, Streator_, 6 Jun (JAS). **Others:** LSummerset_, 17 Jun (DTW); Rckfd Apt (3), Jun - Jul (DTW); Meriden Twp (LaSalle Co) (2), 27 Jun (DJS); Putnam_ (3), 6 Jun (JIN); Auburn (Sangamon Co) (♂♂), 27 Jun (HDB).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Breeding: GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (10♂, 5♀ & 20 juvs), 2 Jul (JWL, JSg); PGM (3+ begging yg heard), 22 Jun (SDB). **MC:** 42 (mostly ♀ & juvs in flock west of marsh, not incl birds in marsh) & (plus 13 ♂ & many begging yg mostly @ nesting marsh), GooseL CA (McHenry Co), 11 Jul (SL & DTW, WJM, JSA et al.); 9 (♂), HennepinL, 14 Jun (SDB, SLD); 7+ (4 ad ♂), PGM, 22 Jun (SDB). **Other breeding populations:** Garden PrairieSl (Boone Co) (♂), 23 Jun (DTW); GlacialPk (2-3), 19 Jun - 6 Jul (AFS, JA, JLD et al.); PaulDouglas (2), 11 & 30 Jun (GP, KW & SS resp). **Migrants:**



Yellow-headed Blackbird.
Dixon Waterfowl Refuge.
Putnam County.
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Yellow-headed Blackbird.
Deer Park Township.
LaSalle County.
13 June 2015.
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ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co), 3 Jul (KML); IL. Rt. 23, Victor Twp (DeKalb Co), 2 Jul (KG); Grant Pk, Chi (♂), 1 Jul (JIE, NM et al.); WhispWil (♀/imm), 31 Jul (JBH); Deer Park Twp (LaSalle Co) (♂), 13 Jun (CKM:ph).

Brewer's Blackbird

Breeding: IBSP (So. Unit) (ad ♂ w/begging juv), 14 Jul (AFS). **MC:** 14, IBSP (So. Unit), 1 Jul, but 8 – 12 there, 1 Jun – 11 Jul, & 2 -4 there thru 25 Jul (AFS, PWS).

Common Grackle

Breeding: Swift Pra NP (DuPage Co) (pr feeding 2 begging yg), 18 Jun (VS); SongbirdSl FP (DuPage Co) (ad carrying food), 8 Jun (ABA); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (ad carrying food), 27 Jun (JAS); Spring Valley NS (Cook Co) (2 ads w/food for yg), 3 Jun (ABA); Midlothian Meadows FP (Cook Co) (3 ads w/food for tg & ad carrying nest material), 8 Jun (ABA); Air Station Pra, Glenview (Cook Co) (pr taking food to a nest), 6 Jun (AS); So. Oak Park (Cook Co) (4 recent fledglings), 18 Jun (EDG); Columbus Pk, Chi (several ads carrying food & ad feeding a fledgling), 11 Jun (EDG); Montrose (ad feeding recent fledgling), 1 Jun (GAW); Sang (fledged yg), 5 Jun (HDB). **MC:** 200, MeadbrkPk, 14 Jul (RD); 200, CarlL-C, 14 Jun (DMK); 183, Beaucoup_, 2 Jun (DMK); 160, Monticello_, 22 Jun (MPW); 134, Pontiac_, 19 Jun (VMK); 126, Buda_, 18 Jun (JWW); 122, Fairbury_, 18 Jun (VMK); 107, Sherburnville_, 6 Jun (JBH); 100, Springbrk, 4 Jul (JAS).

Brown-headed Cowbird

Breeding: Pleasant Valley CA (McHenry Co) (juv begging food from COYE), 17 Aug (EP); Holiday Hills (McHenry Co) (NOCA w/fledgling BHCO), 20 - 27 Jun (LMr); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (juv BHCO being fed by COYE pr), 8 Aug (RAB); IBSP (So. Unit) (♂ RWBL feeding juv BHCO), 8 Jul (JSt); Ryerson (SOSP feeding fledgling BHCO), 21 Jun (PWS); Blackwell FP (DuPage Co) (pr cop), 22 Jun (KW); Elsen'sHill (juv BHCO being fed by NOCA pr), 14 Aug (PAM); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (FISP w/juv BHCO), 22 Jul (KW); Marb (CHSP feeding juv BHCO), 4 Jul (BGm); Fischer Wds FP (DuPage Co) (♀ COYE feeding juv BHCO), 8 Jul (SL); St. James Farm FP (DuPage Co) (♀ NOCA feeding begging juv BHCO), 5 Jul (SF); Salt Crk Pk FP, Wood Dale (DuPage Co) (NOCA feeding fledgling BHCO), 20 Jun (ABA); Swift Prairie NP (DuPage Co) (pr cop), 4 Jun (VS); Wolf Rd Pra NP (Cook Co) (begging juv), 19 Jun (LP); LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (EAKI feeding juv BHCO), 24 Jul (LGM); Montrose (juv BHCO w/HOFI pr), 19 Aug (JIE); Izaak Walton Pr, Homewood (Cook Co) (2 juv BHCO being fed by SOSP), 2 & 8 Aug (PL); Oak Park (Cook Co) (fledgling BHCO begging from ♂ NOCA), 16 Aug (EDG); 87th St steel mills, Chi (fledgling), 8 Jun (AGI); Johnson Sauk Trl SP (Henry Co) (fledgling BHCO being fed by EATO), 14 Jun (JAS); Kankakee (CHSP feeding juv BHCO), 5 Jul (JBH); Lincoln Memorial Garden Pk, Spfld (juv BHCO begging from INBU), 15 Aug (LW); Sang (several HY), Jun (HDB). **MC:** 250, Rantoul (Champaign Co), 15 Jul (DU); 75, H&E Sod Farm, Momence (Kankakee Co), 21 Jul (JBH); 60 & 21, Sang, 19 Jul & 25 Jun resp (HDB); 58, Buda_, 18 Jun (JWW); 50, Neuhaus Ln, Raddle (Jackson Co), 18 & 22 Jul (RP); 47, Sheffield_, 27 Jun (DFS); 46, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 13 Jun (JW); 44, Newport Twp (Lake Co), 28 Jun (BJS); 40, IBSP (So. Unit), 9 Jul (JLd); 40, Rutland Twp (Kane Co), 29 Jul (JW); 40 & 25, 87th St steel mills, Chi, 14 Jul & 8 Jun resp (AGI, EDG); 39, Mill Creek_, 16 Jun (DTW); 38, Boone Crk CA (McHenry Co), 9 Jul (SMn); 38, Monticello_, 22 Jun (MPW); 36, Atkinson_, 26 Jun (DFS); 35, New Lenox_, 22 Jun (ASA); 30, LostMound, 19 Jul (EB); 28, Washington Twp (Carroll Co), 1 Jun (EB); 27, Midewin, 3 Jun (DZ); 26, Stillwell_, 5 Jun (VMK); 25, DPCA, 4 Jul (DFS); 25, Wauponsee Glacial Trl (Will Co), 5 Jun (DZ); 25, Pontiac_, 19 Jun (VMK); 25, Palmer Rd (Monroe Co), 27 Jun (CM, JM).

Orchard Oriole

Breeding: IBSP (No. Unit) (♂ carrying food & pr w/4 juv), 10 & 18 Jul (AMn & AFS resp); Pratt'sWW (juv), 1 Jul (GP, KW); CBG (pr w/2 juv), 20 Jul (AFS); AmboyM (2 family groups incl ads from each pr feeding recently fledged yg), 4 Jul (SH); Marb (ad carrying food), 23 Jun (JZ); Fermi (ad feeding juv), 8 Jul (MN); West Chicago Pra FP (DuPage Co) (♀ on nest), 3 & 4 Jun (PAM); McDowellGr (pr feeding 3 juvs), 3 Jul (PAM); Springbrk (pr feeding fledglings), 20 Jun (PAM); SongbirdSl FP (DuPage Co) (♂ feeding juv), 3 Jul (ABA); WaterfallGlen (♂ carrying food to fledgling & ♀ bringing food to 2nd nest & begging nestlings),

19 Jun (VS & LRe); CBG (pr w/♂ carrying food to nest tree), 24 Jun (AFS); BergmanSl FP (Cook Co) (♀ at nest), 4 Jun (RLS); 87th St steel mills, Chi (pr w/♀ building nest & ♀ in nest & ♀ took food to nest), 14 & 23 & 30 Jun resp (EDG, AGI); HennepinL (♀ feeding fledgling), 16 Jun (JBk); CharlestonL (Coles Co) (♀ taking insects to fledgling), 2 Jul (GT); Norris City Res (White Co) (♀ w/juv), 22 Jul (SSe). **MC:** 16, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DMK); 12, Boone Crk CA (McHenry Co), 9 Jul (SMn); 12 & 8, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 10 Jul & 13 Jun resp (JW); 11 & 10, CharlestonL (Coles Co), 4 Aug & 2 Jul (GT); 9, MissR floodplain (Monroe Co), 1 Jul (KAM); 8, AmboyM, 4 Jul (SH); 8, Midewin, 2 & 5 Jul (TH & JAS et al. resp); 7, Newport Twp (Lake Co), 28 Jun (BJS); 7, Marb, 1 Jun (PAM); 7, MermetL floodplain, 2 Jul (KAM); 6, McDowellGr, 3 Jul (PAM); 6, HennepinL, 19 Jun (DH); 6, Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co), 22 Jul (KJ); 6, ChaminwoodL Pr (Will Co), 1 Jul (JSr); 6, PerryFarm, 14 Jun (JBH); 6, Root Cem NP (Peoria Co), 4 Jul (EMC); 6, Eubanks_, 1 Jun (JLF); 6, CarlL-C, 2 Jul (DMK); 5, IBSP (No. Unit), 4 Jul (WM); 5♂♂, MidSav, 7 & 16 Jun (SDB); 5, HastingsL FP (Lake Co), 21 Jul (BJS); 5, Pratt'sWW, 3 & 9 Jun & 7 Jul (PAM); 5, Big Rock FP (Kane Co), 5 Jul (BLE); 5, Pembroke, 2 Jun (GAW); 5, Payson_, 2 Jun (JLF); 5, Sang, 28 Jul (HDB); 5♂♂, Makanda Twp (Jackson Co), 3-4 Jun (SDB). **Others:** NygrenWet (2♂♂), Jun – Jul (DTW); COLSP (4), 6 Jun (BJS); RollinsSav (3), 21 Jun (JG); MissPalis & LostMound, 21 Jun (JBi); Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co) (2♂♂, one a 1st yr), 8 Jun (SDB).

Baltimore Oriole

Breeding: Freeport (Stephenson Co) (nest), 15 Jun (KHh); Sugar River Alder FP (Winnebago Co) (pr w/2 fledglings), 21 Jun (DTW); NygrenWet (pr w/2 fledglings, feeding in mulberry tree), 18 Jun (DTW); MoraineHills (pr w/2 juvs), 4 Jul (AFS); Antioch (Lake Co) (pr coming to nest feeding 3 nestlings, one of which fledged), 11 Jun (JLs); Raven Glen FP (Lake Co) (♂ flew to nest), 17 Jun (JLs); IBSP (No. Unit) (ad feeding yg at nest), 13 Jun (RBe:ph); Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (ad at nest w/food), 10 Jun (PR); Elburn FP (Kane Co) (pr feeding 2 juvs), 10 Jul (PAM); GreeneVal (♂ feeding recent fledgling), 20 Jun (LRe); Marb (nest w/yg & pr feeding 3 fledglings), 16 & 19 Jun (JZ & PAM resp); WaterfallGlen (♂ bringing food to nest w/yg), 19 Jun (VS); Busse Wds FP (Cook Co) (♂ feeding fledged yg & another ♂ going to nest w/2 begging yg), 17 Jun (KW); Chicago Portage NHS (Cook Co) (♂ carrying food for yg), 14 Jun (LR); SaltCrk (ad bringing food to nest), 20 Jun (DFS); Miller Meadows FP (Cook Co) (pr w/2 fledglings), 8 Jul (EDG); Columbus Pk, Chi (♀ feeding fledgling), 28 Jun (EDG); LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (ad on nest), 15 Jun (LGM, FRM); Marovitz GC, Chi (♀ feeding fledgling), 30 Jun (LGM); Sang (HY), 9 Jun (HDB); MiddleforkR FP (Champaign Co) (pr feeding 2 nestlings at nest), 13 Jun (DU). **MC:** 17, Pembroke, 2 Jun (GAW); 15, Stonehouse Farm Pk, Paw Paw Twp (DeKalb Co), 18 Jun (FE-M); 14, Big Island (Rock Island Co), 4 Jul (NHD); 14, Hennepin Canal SP (Henry Co), 10 Jun (RG); 13 & 7, 87th St steel mills, Chi, 30 & 8, 16, 23 Jun resp (EDG, AGI); 12, Ft. Sheridan FP (Lake Co), 14 Jun (JG); 12, The Grove, Glenview (Cook Co), 6 Jun (RC); 12, HennepinL, 13 Jun (DFS); 12, McKinley Wds FP (Will Co), 11 Jun (JLc); 11, Big Rock FP (Kane Co), 25 Jun (BA, JG); 11, Elsen'sHill, 12 Jul (PAM); 10, LSummerset_, 17 Jun (DTW); 10, Jon J. Duerr FP (Kane Co), 12 Jun (JLg); 10, Deer Grove (East) FP (Cook Co), 8 Jun (JBn); 10, JP, 20 Jun (PRC); 10, ChaminwoodL Pr (Will Co), 17 Jun (JSr); 10, Sheffield_, 27 Jun (DFS); 10, Lincoln Log Cabin SHS (Coles Co), 10 Jul (GT); 9, LostMound, 29 Jun (EB); 9, Pratt'sWW, 10 Jul (PAM); 9, Marb, 9 Jun (JZ et al.); 9, Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co), 6 Jun (JC); 9, Busse Wds FP (Cook Co), 17 Jun (KW); Bluff Spring Fen NP (Cook Co), 11 Jul (MMg).

Exotic/released species

European Goldfinch

Breeding: Wauk (nest), 8 May (AM). **MC:** 4, Wauk, 1 Jul (DK, LP, LRe). **Other:** IBSP (So. Unit), 24 & 27 Jun (JLs:ph, RBe); Antioch feeder (Lake Co) (♀), 20-22 Jun (KPn:ph).

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